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Lasy Sailing For Clinton **As Debate** Stresses Issues

resident Is Passive, With Format Playing to Democrat's Strengths

By David S. Broder and Ruth Marcus

RICHMOND, Virginia — Bill Clinton has riled unscathed through the second of three residential debates, as he, President George ash and Ross Perot exchanged policy ideas, ot insults, in a 90-minute forum.

Mr. Bush avoided the aggressive tactics that ice President Dan Quayle used Tuesday night, llowing Mr. Clinton to be relaxed and show-ase his facility with domestic issues, which ccupied all but a fraction of the time.
In a debate that broke little new policy ground, Mr. Bush returned only briefly to his riticism of Mr. Clinton's role in 1960s anti-

> For Clinton, appearing to be at least Bush's equal was more than satisfactory. Page 3.

Vietnam War demonstrations in England and zibed the Democrat lightly on his reputation for hedging. "You can't turn the White House into the Waffle House," he said.

At the end, the president asked voters to consider which candidate they would would want in the Oval Office if "a major international threat" erupted the same night, suggesting " that he had the "maturity and experience" to meet that test

But most of the evening Mr. Bush was even more passive than in the first debate last Sunday. "If Barbara Bush were running this year, she'd be elected," be mused at one point. "But

[Mr. Clinton scored well in the debate, Reuters reported Friday from Washington, quoting initial opinion polls. A nationwide CBS News poll found that 54 percent thought Mr. Clinton had won the debate, 25 percent gave the nod to the president and 20 percent chose Mr. Perot. Richard N. Bond, the Republican national chairman, said that in the final debate on Monday. "a proper amount of aggression will be day, "a proper amount of aggression will be

needed" from Mr. Bush to stop Mr. Clinton. Mr. Perot, the Texas billionaire who is running as an independent, played his now-famil-iar role as folk philosopher and common man. He said he could be a "builder of consensus" on a variety of issues between Democrats and Republicans "who are bred from childhood to fight with each other."

Mr. Perot repeated many of the points and some of the one-liners he used in the first serve only one term if elected. And he urged that others elected this year pledge to step down if they do not cut the federal budget deficit in half in four years. He joked that Democrats and
Republicans were so busy denying responsibility for the avalanche of red ink, "it must be
extraterrestrials" who have caused the budget

> The forum at the University of Richmond used a format never previously tried in presidential debates. An audience of 209 voters who unld Gallup Organization interviewers that they were uncommitted asked unrehearsed quescons of the candidates, helped by the moderator, Carole Simpson of ABC News.

> Several differences emerged in sharper focus, with Mr. Perot taking a tougher line than either of the others against trade policies that he said create a "giant sucking sound" of jobs going overseas. While Mr. Bush defended foreign aid programs, Mr. Perot called for Germany and Japan to finance more of the burden of defense and foreign development.

> Mr. Clinton was alone in supporting the "Brady bill" for a mandatory waiting period in the purchase of handguns and was isolated

See DEBATE, Page 3

Vision, Prevision

Karl Lagerfeld showed the fashion world a vision of softness and transparency Friday as the Paris ready-to-wear collections continued. In a Special Report on Fash-ion/1993, Suzy Menkes reviews the shows and predicts the death of the classic workplace jacket for women.

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Special Prosecutor Named on Iraq Loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General William P. Barr named a special prosecutor on Friday to investigate the administration's handling of a case involving quesoonable loans to Iraq, rebulfing demands from congressional Democrats for an independent prosecutor who could not be dismissed by the attorney general.

Mr. Barr appointed a retired federal judge from New Jersey, Frederick B. Laccy, 72, in head the investigation and said he would have total independence. Democrats accuse the administration of

botching the prosecution in the \$5.5 billion loan scheme by an Italian government bank to protect Washington's diplomatic telationship with Italy and shield its policy of support for Iraq.

Prime Minister Rabin complained to Washington after the Sandis moved F-16s to an air base closer to Israel. Page 4.

U.S. exports, one source of hope for a recovery, dropped sharply. Iran is encouraging foreign oil companies Page 13.

Weather



Prime Minister John Major awaiting the arrival of his European counterparts before the start of the EC meeting in Birmingham.

Indian Rights Activist Gets Peace Prize

By Douglas Farah

Washington Post Service
GUATEMALA CITY — Rigoberta Menchu, a 33-year-old Guatemalan Indian who has spent more than a decade denouncing abuses against indigenous people, including the assassination of both her parents by the army, was awarded the 1992 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday.

"Rigoberta Menchu stands out as a vivid symbol of peace and reconciliation across eth-nic, cultural and social dividing lines, in her own country, on the American continent, and in the world," the Nobel committee said in announcing the prize.

The committee said Miss Menchu, who was nominated by two Nobel laureates, Adolfo Perez Esquivel of Argentina and Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, had "grown up in pover-ty, in a family which has undergooe the most brutal suppression and persecution.

The announcement was widely applanded by indigenous organizations, human rights groups

But it was received cooly by the government and military, which have accused Miss Menchu of supporting leftist guerrillas and damaging Guatemala's internacional image. Guatemala has one of the worst human rights records in the hemisphere, and she has consistently de-nounced the military for its widely documented abuses and the murder of most of her family.

Miss Menchu, who is barely 5 feet tall and wears the traditional, colorful dress of the Quiche highlands, said in a brief visit to the capital Friday that the prize was "recognicion of the dignity of our cultures" and said it was not enough "just to condemn war, but the root causes of it must be eliminated."

Miss Menchu received word of the prize in the town of San Marcos and then flew briefly to the capital before returning to rural area to celebrate. Thousands of supporters lined the road she drove in on, cheering and shouting. "Viva Rigoberta!"

She was in San Marcos to coordinate protests against the 500th arrival of Columbus in the Americas. Indians have complained that the See NOBEL, Page 2



Rigoberta Menchu in Guatemala on Friday after hearing that she had received the Nobel.

U.K. Rate Cut Takes Markets by Surprise

Major Defends Move to Close Mines As Criticism Mounts Over Economy

By Erik Ipsen

BIRMINGHAM, England - The government of Prime Minister John Major, facing a worsening recession and severe criticism over its decision to shut half of Britain's coal mines cut interest rates Friday by a full percentage

The move, which deeply surprised the mar-kets on a day when Mr. Major was chairing an emergency European Community summit meeting meant in draw the 12-nation group closer together, effectively ended any hope that Britain would re-enter the Community's currency grid anytime soon.

In a combative press conference, the first since his government's politically disastrous anoouncement of huge job losses in the coal industry. Mr. Major steadfastly refused to reconsider keeping the mines open.

In London, a High Court judge delayed until Tuesday a decision on a challenge by miners to British Coal's plans to close 31 of the country's 50 working mines. (Page 9)

While he said he had "anguish for miners' families," Mr. Major insisted that the reality of government spending £100 million (\$170 mil-linn) a month on keeping pits that had "no

market for their product and were not likely to have one in the future" had forced his hand The prime minister sounded the sole positive note of the session by saying that he welcomed the decision by the chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont, to cut interest rates by a full percentage point, a move most political and economic analysts have pointedly linked to the

uproar over the pit closures. Mr. Major said the cuts would slash industry's interest bill by £9 billion and would reduce the average homeowner's mortgage payments

Mr. Major termed the cut "substantial but justified."

That the press conference occurred at all was a vivid measure of the severity of the political and economic concerns bearing down on Mr. Major from all sides. It came at the end of the concluding press conference of the special Eu-

ropean Community summit meeting here. In a highly unusual move, Mr. Major, as the summit's host, bid goodbye to the president of the EC Commission, Jacques Delors, and then turned to answer intense criticism of his recent bandling of events in Britain,

Asked about a possible revolt from his own back benches over the mine closures when Par-See RATE, Page 11

Dollar Gains Sharply on Mark

A British interest-rate cut and rumors of an imminent realignment of the EC currency grid sent investors scurry-ing for refuge in the dollar, sending the U.S. currency sharply higher Friday in hectie trading.

The dollar ended New York trading at 1,4804 Deutsche marks, up from 1.4542 DM Thursday, Against the yen, however, it eased to 119.50 from 120.25, hit partly by news that the U.S. trade deficit widened, (Pages 9 and 10)

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EC Summit: A PR Move To Sell Maastricht Pact

By Tom Redburn tional Herald Tribune

BIRMINGHAM, England - Leaders of the European Community sought Friday to put a buman face oo the EC bureaucracy in their effort to make the Maastricht Treaty on Eurodean Union more palatable to their ecoi cally discontented citizens.

But the special one-day EC summit meeting was more an exercise in public relacions than a serious effort to resolve the real policy disputes that continue to plague Europe in the midst of one of the worst economie and political crises in the Community's 35 years of existence.

The leaders failed to deal with questions of

economic stagnation, rising unemployment and poor economie management that are at the root of public disenchantment over their plans for

constructing a future European union.

On perhaps the most pressing question they faced — long-stalled global trade talks that will cootinue this weekend — France prevailed on its partners to hold firm against giving EC oegotiators any additional flexibility to settle the farm subsidy dispute with the United States. Farm subsidies are the principal obsta-

cle to completing trade talks under the aegis of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. "Why do we have to wrap this up in a few weeks," Elisabeth Guigou, France's minister for European affairs, asked, "when we've been

negotiating since 1986?" top negotiator said the EC should accept the U.S. offer on the table and questioned France's

intransigence. At the same time, the heads of the 12-nation

Community, while vowing to bring the EC closer to its people, put off any substantive decisions until they gather again in Edinburgh "We bave taken the first significant steps

toward giving the Community back to the people to whom it is responsible," said Prime Minister John Major of Britain. The meeting would be followed with "firm decisions, not pious hopes," he said, at the Edinburgh meet-

EC leaders, in their statement issued after the meeting, promised cooperation on a number of issues. They vowed to stick together in efforts to See SUMMIT, Page 4

Single Market Eludes EC

French Slap at Barclays Shows Nations Are Still Eager to Protect Their Own

LONDON - As EC leaders gathered this

week to discuss the single European market, the gap between the progress made in creating it oo paper and the reality on the ground was yawning ever wider.

The picture that is beginning in emerge

suggests that it is not just inexperienced compa-nies that don't know the ropes that are having difficulties," said Graham Mather, president of the European Policy Forum in London. "The spirit of the single market is just not being reflected in reality."

Two hundred and eighty-two EC directives to the contrary, the 12 European Community oacons remain reluctant to throw open their commercial doors to their partners.

The French government's decision Wednes-day to bar Britain's Barclays Bank from paying interest on checking accounts in France was the latest example of a government taking its lead

not from EC directives on free trade but from the perceived need for protection of its own lo the Barclays case, French banks stood to

see their profitability eroded if they had fol-lowed Barclays in offering interest on elecking accounts, French officials said. In an interview with the French newspaper

La Tribune, Finance Minister Michel Sapio explained his action against Barclays by saying explained his action against barciays by saying that interest-paying ehecking accounts were "dangerous products" that would increase the cost of credit for companies and individuals while forcing banks to begin charging for

"That would have the biggest impact on the poorest elients, who wouldn't earn anything on the remuneration but would have to pay for services that are free today," be said.

The view from London is different, "This is See BANKS, Page 4

In New Theory on Aging, Methuselahs Might Not Be So Uncommon

By Gina Kolata

New York Times Service NEW YORK - In a finding that has surprised experts who study aging, researchers have discovered that life expectancy may not always decrease as organisms grow older. A very few individuals are so long-lived that, past a certain age, their life expectancy actually

The subjects of the experiments, which are preliminary, were fruit flies, but some demogra-

phers and experts on aging say that the implica-tions could be far-reaching.

The studies, they say, put into the question the long-held belief that every species, including humans, has a midnight hour, an age at which the organism essentially falls apart and that the longer individuals live, the more likely they are to die.

It is generally believed that there is a sharply defined maximum life span that medical advances can help people to approach or attain but oot surpass.

The new findings, however, indicate that some Methuselahs, among fruit flies at least, can live at least twice as long as is normal for

If the same were true for humans, experts said, it might mean that with better health care and medical treatment, some individuals could live far beyond their biblical threescore years

In two papers published Thursday in Science magazine, Dr. James R. Carey of the University of California at Davis, Dr. James W. Curtsinger of the University of Wisconsin and their colleagues reported that they grew more than a

million fruit flies, noting the dates of birth and

They found it was oot completely true that the older the flies got, the more likely they were to die. With just a few individuals, once a fly was past a certain age, its life expectancy actu-ally increased, until it died at a very advanced

If the finding of increasing life expectancy for very old fruit flies was to hold true in bumans, Dr. Carey said, "A 60-year-old on average would live 10 more years, but an 80year-old would live 20 more years."

"It's fascinating," said Dr. Robert Butler, chairman of the Department of Geriatrics and Adult Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Although he cautioned that "we do bave to worry about how universal these pro-cesses are," be said the study indicated that

"things aren't as established by a clock as we thought."

Dr. Carey emphasized that his findings did oot mean that people should be living for bundreds of years. But if the results are determined to hold true for burnans, they might mean there is oo fixed upper limit to the burnan life span.

Dr. Kenneth Manton, a demographer at Duke University, said there were already hints that the findings may have implications for humans, but they have been dismissed or ignored by many who were convinced that aging

is regulated by a biological clock. "What we see is a confirmation in a wellcontrolled animal model of things we had been seeing in bumans but were very skeptical about," Dr. Manton said. "Maybe now we should examine our skepticism."

Not everyone is ready to generalize, however.

Dr. Caleb Finch of the University of Southern California, the author of a leading book on aging, said the study may instead show that different species age in different ways.

Nonetheless, he said, "the work is very significant because it documents a different mechanism of aging. It really departs from the fundamental idea that there is a preset clock of aging ticking away with pulsar regularity."

He said the studies were meant to distinguish between two basic models of aging. The tradi-tional is "the time-bomb model: When you attain a certain age, you self destruct."

The other, Dr. Carey said, is "the spaceshin model," in which a spaceship engineered to reach a particular goal may be capable of going a little farther. He said the new findings sup-ported the spaceship model, that there is no fixed age at which everyone must be dead.

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Politburo Shake-Up In China Reduces Hard-Liners' Power

By Nicholas D. Kristof New York Times Service

BEIЛNG — Eight leaders, including the president and defense minister, are submitting their resignations from the Polithuro at the Communist Party Congress now under way in Beijing, a semiofficial newspaper reported Friday. The resignations had been large-

ly expected, but they confirm that there will be a major shake-up at the top of the party. The Politburo, China's highest decision-making body, now has 14 members, so the departure of eight leaves only a minority of six still in their posts.

Wen Wei Po, a Hong Kong newspaper controlled by the Com-munist Party, did not indicate in its report who would fill the new posi-tions. The congress is scheduled to end Sunday, and then the new central committee will immediately meet and choose a Politburo - or, more accurately, confirm the choice that has already been made by Deng Xiaoping and the handful of other party elders who retain

The Wen Wei Po report cannot be confirmed, but it normally publishes information only when it has

Most of those listed as resigning from the Politburo are doing so in part because of their age, but some are only in their late 60s and are evidently being pushed out. Both bard-liners and moderates are among those resigning but the hard-liners are expected to have

reduced influence after the shuffle.

Mr. Deng and other octogenarian leaders retired from the Polithuro years ago, and so there was never any question about what would happen to them.

People's Daily, the Communist Party newspaper in Beijing, published a commentary on Friday about generational change, without naming those who would retire.

"Some of our old comrades, thinking of the party's mission and of the public interest, are proudly and delightedly welcoming to leading posts some ontstanding cadres who are younger and fresher," the commentary declared. "At the same time, these old comrades are stepping down from their leading

The most powerful person to resign is President Yang Shangkun, 85. But Mr. Yang is expected to retain power because of his prestige and connections even if he holds no formal position. Mr. Yang, who appears to be in excellent health, is often mentioned as a candidate to succeed Mr. Deng as China's paramount leader after Mr. Deng's

Defense Minister Qin Jiwei, 78, was also listed as resigning. Mr. Qin, who despite his title is less al other senior generals, lost influence several years ago because he appeared to have doubts about the army assault on the Tiananmen democracy movement.

The Polithuro member in charge of foreign affairs, Wo Xueqian, 71, lost his authority for similar reasons. Mr. Wu's son was arrested and imprisoned for denouncing the democracy crackdown on a radio program, and the result was that Mr. Wu himself immediately lost

any influence.

Two of those resigning are also members of the Polithuro standing committee, which is the highest formal decision-making body in China. The standing committee now

Both of those resigning from the committee — Song Ping, and Yao Vilin both 75 - are hard-liners and their retirement will be a blow to the party conservatives.

Their departures had been exected because of their ages. Mr. Yao has been in charge of central planning, while Mr. Song looked after party organization.

One person who apparently is being pushed out is Li Ximing, 66, party secretary in Beijing. Mr. Li is hard-liner who was closely associated with the crackdown on the democracy movement, and conse-quently he is widely disliked by the

ing forced out is Yang Rudai, 66, party secretary of Sichuan Province. Mr. Yang, who has a reputation as a reformer, was a supporter of the deposed party leader, Zhao

Neither Mr. Li nor Mr. Yang has been particularly effective or out-spoken as a Politburo member. Also resigning is Wan Li, 76, head of the National People's Con-gress. Mr. Wan, a friend and bridge partier of Mr. Deng, has been an outspoken advocate of political and economic change, but his comments to Mr. Deng over bridge games may matter more than anything he said in Politburo meetings.

Those who hold government posts, such as Mr. Yang and Mr. Qin, are expected to retire from those positions as well.



THE TOYS OF WAR — Somali boys playing with a makeshift gun in Mogadishu in imitation of their armed brothers and fathers.

Limited Pardons for Apartheid Crimes?

By Paul Taylor

Washington Post Service
JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's white-minority government introduced an amnesty bill in Parliament on Friday that would give President Frederik W. de Klerk sweeping powers to protect state officials from punishment for secret crimes they may have com-mitted in support of apartheid.

However, the measure drew a warning from the African National Congress that, if it assumes power following the naoon's first democratic election, it will refuse to honor such undertakings.

The showdown threatens to further complicate oegotiations - already proceeding at halting pace between the government, the ANC and other political parties on the establishment of a new, nonracial

By Steve Vogel Washington Past Service

BONN — Under pressure from the German government, U.S. officials have stopped selling Hitler's "Mein Kampf" at military bookstores in Germany.

The U.S. military command in Europe.,

pulled all copies of the book from the shelves

of its 150 bookstores in Germany this month

after the Foreign Ministry complained the

Americans were breaking the law by selling it.

Kampf business in Germany completely,"

said John Kominicki, a spokesman for Stars

and Stripes, the U.S. military newspaper that

operates a chain of bookstores for the nearly

200,000 American service personnel and their

families stationed in Europe. The book is still

available at Stars and Stripes bookstores else-

German officials contended that the Unit-

the wrong time by the wrong government," said Carl Nichaus, a spokesman for the ANC, the nation's largest black political organization. "We will nullify it as soon

The ANC has long maintained that in the interest of national reconciliation, it supports the principle of amnesty for certain crimes, committed in support of apartheid. zations, such as the ANC.
But it has insisted that only a democratically elected government would have the moral authority to grant such an amnesty, and that it could do so only after a full public accounting had been made of the

Hard-liners within the de Klerk cabinet have never felt secure with the ANC's assurances, and fear that a future government might put them in the dock of Nuremberg-

This is the wrong legislation at to be approved by Parliament, a police military or government a wrong time by the wrong gov- which is controlled by Mr. de official. Klerk's National Party.

Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee said that the Further Indemnity Bill, as it has been titled, was an evenhanded" extension of a 1990 indemnity measure passed shortly after the de Klerk government legalized and began negotiating with formerly banned political organi-

bill, some 1,375 political prisoners have been released and 9,372 other people have been pardoned for mitted in support of apartheid and crimes committed with a "political crimes committed in opposition to objective.

type trials. The measure is expected of apartheid; none, so far, has been tected.

The most recent round of political prisoner releases, in September, drew a huge public outcry because it included pro- and anti-apartheid terrorists who had killed innocent

the argument that if it is releasing such killers, surely it can protect its ations, such as the ANC. own police, security and political Since the enactment of that 1990 officials. Others disagree, saying that international law recognizes a distinction between crimes com-

Most have been members of the ANC or the Pan-Africanist Congress, another anti-apartheid organisms. National Council of Indemnity, nization. A handful have been headed by a judge, that would almembers of white far-right groups low individual applicants to make who committed crimes in defense their case why they should be pro-

Although German law prohibits the distri-

Germany's highest court ruled in 1979 that

copies dating back from 1945 or earlier were of historical value, and they are still occasion-

ally sold in secondhand book shops. In addition, scholarly editions are available for re-

The book's removal from Stars and Strip

bookstores followed a letter sent by the Ger-

man Foreign Ministry to the U.S. Embassy in

Bonn in August protesting the sale of the

Struggle," while imprisoned after the failure of his 1923 putsch. Amid diatribes against Jews, he outlined plans in the book for con-

quering East Europe and the Soviet Union.

bution of literature that advocates Nazism

and racial hatred, the sale of "Mein Kampf"

is not completely banned in Germany.

Bosnians Bar Serbs

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina - Troops of Bosnia's Muslimled government blockaded a key supply line to Sarajevo on Friday, saying rebel Serbs had tried to advance along the road by using Unit-

ed Nacons aid convoys as cover, UN officials said the closure of the airport road had violated an agreement by Bosnia's warring ethnic factions on allowing emergency

food into the capital.

A Muslim general warned that his soldiers would fire on any UN troops who tried to clear the road. But the two sides agreed late Friday to examine an alternate route on Saturday.

Many people in Sarajevo were heartened, meanwhile, by the brief restoration of running water and electricity to parts of the city. But new shelling shut the power supply just hours after it was restored.

UN officials in Geneva said talks would begin with Bosnian Serb commanders by the weekend on transferring their combat planes and helicopters out of Bosnia-Herzegovina, despite resistance by the rebels' air force chief, Bosnian goverament forces do not have any

The UN-Bosuian dispute began Thursday, when government troops put a huge container across the main road linking the airport to the city center. The road was used to move essential supplies brought in by an international airlift for Sarajevo's residents, who have been

besieged by Serbs for months.

Overland convoys from Croatia also use the road. UN officials in Zagreb, Croatia, said the blockade forced a 10-truck convoy carrying 88 tons of relief supplies to be rerouted from Sarajevo to the nearby town of Vitez.

General Mustafa Hajrulahovic, the commander of the Bosnian Army's 1st Corps, said Serbian tanks twice followed UN convoys in an attempt to seize territory in

the west of the city. "We are forced to defend our-selves," he said. "We must block this road." He said he would remove the roadblock only if UN officials "can guarantee me that the enemy is not going to use this

General Hajrulahovic said if UN soldiers tried to remove the barricade, "they would be treated the same as Chemik forces." Chemik is a derogatory term used by Muslims

If the Serbs captured the main overpass on the road. Bosnian troops in the suburbs of Stup and

Officials on both sides agreed to

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Peace Force Battles Liberian Kebels MONROVIA (Reuters) — Shells slammed into the suburbs of Monrovia for the second day running on Friday while West African peacekeepers tried to stop the most daring rebel attack on the Liberian capital m

WORLD BRIEFS

TOKYO (Reuters) - The Japanese government may dismiss an army

officer who called for a coup to clean up Japan's corrupt politics, a foreign Ministry spokesman indicated Friday.

The spokesman said authorities were "considering taking appropriate action about this." Appropriate action was understood to mean dismissing the officer or foreign him into early retirement.

Major Shinsaku Yanai, an instructor on strategy and history at an army academy, wrote in the weekly Shukan Bunshun that either a component

a revolution was needed to sweep away corrupt politicians. Major Yangi, a former member of the intelligence corps, said, "History has shown that a military solution is the only way left when democracy does not work

Yeltsin Seeks Later Congress Session

MOSCOW (Reuters) — President Boris N. Yeltsin, fighting for breathing space for his embattled government, tried Friday to postpone planned session of Russia's conservative supreme legislature.

But his efforts were undermined by a powerful center-right political group that warned him to replace the reformist cabinet with a coalities

The legislature, the Congress of People's Deputies, is due to meet Dec.

1. It is expected to attack the cabinet team of acting Prime Minister Year

T. Gaidar, with opposition members ready to call for the government's resignation. Mr. Yeltsin told a group of deputies that the Congress should be put off until next spring at the earliest.

Strut Flaw Suspected in El Al Crash

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Early evidence gathered during an investiga-tion of the crash of an El Al cargo jet Oct. 4 points to a design fault in the engine supports, investigators said Friday.

Henk Wolleswinkel, head of the Dutch Aviation Inspectorate, said

metal fatigue in the strut of the Boeing 747, which holds the engine to the wing, so far seemed to be the most likely cause. "There is some shortcome ing in the way the engine is suspended, some form of metal fatigue," he said, adding that such a flaw had oot previously been seen in the 747.

The inspectorate has warned the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration.

that the arrworthiness of 747 cargo planes that have Pratt & Whitney engines and that have logged more than 6,000 flights "is not guaranteed."

Last week, Boeing asked carriers to check the fuse pin at the joint of the

wing and the strut. The pin is designed to snap to allow a scized-up engine to break cleanly from the wing. Boeing later said it had received no

Both right engines tore off the El Al craft as the pilot circled above Amsterdam in an attempt to return to the airport after takeoff, but the jet plowed into a suburban apartment complex after 15 minutes in flight

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Japan May Fire Aide for Urging Countries by

Witnesses said shells were still falling on Paynesville, a northeastern suburb attacked on Thursday by Charles Taylor's National Patriotic

The West African peacekeeping force, which has moved tanks and machine guns to the district, was advancing on the main road out of Paynesville, heading for the rebel stronghold of Kakata, 40 miles (65 kilometers) from Monrovia, a local newspaper said.

TRAVEL UPDATE

A fare war has broken out among London's traditional taxis and London Airways, a radio-dispatched service specializing in airport rides and charging £15 (\$25) between most of Londoo and Heathrow Airport. That is about half the usual price on the licensed meter - although some licensed cabbies say they are ready to negotiate with passengers because

Aer Lingus announced fewer flights to London, Glasgow and Paris in an effort to curb losses. The Irish Republic's national airline had a deficit of more than £40 million Irish pounds (\$64 million) on its operations list

Japan is considering donating a radar system to Nepal following two major plane crashes there since July, government officials said Friday in

Center in Houston, with a new, hard-edge approach aimed at giving tourists an up-to-the-minute look at daily life in the space program. The Space Center is financed by a nonprofit foundation, Manned Space Flight Education Foundation Inc., and designed in concept by Walt

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A scenic area in northern Thailand has been declared a danger zone since the killing of an elderly American tourist by a rampaging elephant, it was reported in Bangkok on Friday. The English-language Bangkok Post said the animal, which was in rut, was still roaming the mountainous Pha Khao Lam area, in Chiang Mai Province.

g-car service has been introduced on a 70-second funicular ourney in Bern. With tongue in check, the Loeb store is celebrating its 111th anniversary by sponsoring a sleeping compartment filling half of the space on one of the tiny carriages, which can carry up to 30 people between the lower and upper halves of the capital. The store applied to the Guinness Book of Records for recognition of the service, which will last a week, as the world's smallest sleeping car. (Reuters). (Reuters). | From the Hu

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German Police Seize Smuggled Uranium The Associated Press ous scizures of nuclear material German authorities have been

U.S. Ends Sales of 'Mein Kampf' in Germany

ed States was ignoring laws restricting sales of the book in this country, and was violating the German copyright owned by the state of

Bayaria since 1951. Bayaria took custody of

Hider's property and copyrights after the

war.
"It's simply a sensible step," a Foreign
Ministry official said.

In the past, the U.S. military had insisted

strictions on "Mein Kampf," which has been available to service manufactured by the se that its installations were exempt from re-

1960s. About 1,000 copies a year have been

sold at Stars and Stripes bookstores, accord-

ing to Kominicki, generally to soldiers inter-

A U.S. military spokeswomen denied that

American troops are being subjected to cen-

sorship. "It's a copyright problem, not a political problem," said a spokeswoman for the Army's 5th Corps in Frankfurt.

BERLIN - The police have ex seized what they described as eapons-grade uranium in a raid on the black market in former Sovi-

confirmed as weapons-grade by had been samggled from Eastern scientists, would be the first known Europe via Poland by a "Mafia-like appearance in the West of smug-gled raw material for an atomic

The head of the Munich customs office, Friedrich Palmer, said 2.2 kilograms (4.8 pounds) of highly based International Atomic Energy enriched uranium was seized from Agency. David Kyd, said by teleacar in a Munich parking lot Tues-

day, and seven people were arrest-

ested in history.

Mr. Palmer said he did not know the exact degree of enrichment of the material, but that it was capable et bloc nuclear materials, a Bavar-ian customs official said Friday. of being used in making a bomb. The uranium, he said, was being An expert said the material, if offered for sale for \$500,000, and

Europe via Poland by a "Mafia-like organization."
The confiscated material was

sent to a government laboratory in Karlsruhe for analysis.

A spokesman for the Vienna-

recent months, but substances turned out to be something else.
"I'll wait for the analysis," Mr. 90. Those elements can be byKyd said. It it was confirmed, be said, "this would be the first weap-

ons-grade material." The amount was about one-tenth of that required to make an atomic

bomb, be said. The standard minimum is considered to be 25 kilo grams of uranium enriched to contain 93 percent of the isotope U-235, he said. If the uranium turns out to be

weapons-grade, Mr. Kyd said, Germany is required to notify the atomic energy agency, and the agency then has to seek the source of the material.

The relatively small amount of tranium would not be significant in itself, Mr. Kyd said.

"But what is more sinister," he said, "is that indeed this could be the former Soviet Army might be someone used as a stalking horse, leaving behind in Eastern Germany and more of this material is availor elsewhere dangerous nuclear

from the former Soviet Union in on alert for nuclear materials since last weekend, when the police in claimed by the sellers to be weap- Frankfurt arrested five Polish citions-grade material had always zens and confiscated highly radiopower plants.

The police said the suspects revealed that 20 kilograms of weapons-grade uranium was for sale in

The international community has banded together to finance research institutes in Moscow and Kiev to try to prevent former Soviet nuclear scientists from selling their expertise and materials to the high-

But radioactive materials had been confiscated in Switzerland, Italy and Austria before the announcement of the recent seizures in Germany.

Mr. Kyd said he suspected that

and Croats to refer to Serbian

Otes would be isolated. A UN spokesman, Mik Magnus-son, said he hoped the blockade could be cleared through negotia-

study the possibility of using an-other route for supply convoys.

NOBEL: Indian Rights Activist Awarded Peace Prize

arrival marked the start of a brutal subjugation of native peoples by Miss Menchu said the prize was

for "all the Guatemalan people" and said she would use the 6.5 million Swedish kronor (\$1.2 million) that goes with it to set up a foundation in her father's name.

Her gripping personal story, made public in her 1983 book "I, Rigoberta," which has been translated into 12 languages, has focused attention on Guatemala's dire buman rights situation. Although she only began to learn Spanish at the age of 20, she began ber activism as a teenager in the Roman Catholic church

Miss Mencho's father, Vicente, a death inside the Spanish Embassy along with more than 30 others in a peaceful takeover of the building man rights record and still faces a to protest military repression.

small, festering Marxist insurgenin April of the same year, according to her book, her 15-yeargroups, the three decades of civil

old brother was burned to death by conflict have left 150,000 people the army and her mother, Juana, was captured by security forces, tortured, raped and killed.

Following that, Miss Menchin fled the country and has spent much of her time in Mexico. Two of her sisters joined the guerrillas. Miss Menchu has never openly supported or denounced the armed struggle but has said she respects her sisters' decision, Francis Sejersted, the chairman

of the Nobel awards committee, said in Oslo that he was "aware that this is a somewhat controver-He said that the 500th anniversary of Columbus's arrival was not

the main reason for choosing an Indian for the prize. "It was not a peasant leader, was burned to coincidence, but it was not the only factor." he said. Guatemala remains somewhat January 1980 while participating in isolated because of its abysmal hu-

dead, 50,000 "disappeared," 100,000 widowed, 250,000 orphaned and 1 million displaced. Most of those affected are Indi-

ans, whose 22 language groups make up more than 60 percent of Guatemala's 10 million inhabitants. Human rights groups say most of the dead were killed by the army or paramilitary forces linked to the government, which carried out a brutal policy of forced relocation and killings aimed at eradicating the insurgency.

"The most important thing Ri-goberta and the Nobel committee have done with this award is to bring attention to the incredible suffering, a holocaust really, that the Guatemalan Indians have suffered for the past 20 or 30 years," said Anne Mannel of Americas Watch, in a telephone interview from Washington. "Her personal history is shocking, but no unusual really for the Indians, especially those involved in unions or other

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WASHINGTON — Bush campaign spin doctors pushed the wrong button after Thursday's debate, faxing reporters a memo designed to help supporters stir enthusiasm for President George Bush's performance.

"Call your local political reporter and give the spin," said the memo accidentally sent into a number of newsrooms. "If there are any talk-radio shows on the air, call and praise the president's

performance."

"Issue a news release declaring the president the winner," it said.

The memo, accompanied by "talking points" praising Mr. Bush,
was the kind often used in politics to generate what looks like grass-

Highlights of the talking points: Tonight was a clear win, a big win for the president Bill Clinton came in a cautious and weak third place."

• The president forcefully stated that character is a key issue in this campaign. President Bush is known for his strength of character. Bill Clinton failed to explain or defend his character problem to the American people.

• "On health care, legal reform, term limits, a balanced budget, education reform and crime, the president clearly bested Bill Clin-

W Siles Derected in Flag Clinton Keeps His (Poli) Distance Over Bush WASHINGTON - Governor Bill Clinton is maintaining a sizable lead over President George Bush in the latest tracking polls. A new CNN/USA Today survey gave Mr. Clinton a 15-point lead over the president, 47 percent to 32 percent, CNN reported, with 15

percent for Ross Perot. The survey was conducted over the three-day period after the first presidential debate Sunday.

But one poll showed Mr. Bush may be starting to cut into Mr. Clinton's lead. The ABC News survey gave Mr. Clinton just a 7-point lead, 44 percent of the vote to 37 percent for Mr. Bush, and 1t percent for Mr. Perot.

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Perot Outlines Rx to Cure the Budget Deficit - DALLAS - Ross Perot outlined his prescription for higher taxes

and spending cuts to balance the budget in a 30-minute con to air Friday night.

The Texas billionaire, who is running for president as an independent, described his strong medicine for curing the nation's growing

Removed the Plant in the Plant is second 30-minute "infomercial," Mr. Perot said his plant would cut the budget deficit by \$754 billion by the end of 1998 and in his folksy manner he compared it to the viewers balancing their

** personal checkbooks. "We've got to balance the budget just like you have to balance your budget," he said. "Do we have to do it? Of course, we do." Mr. Perot said the government can make \$21 billion by improving tax collections on foreign companies and save \$16 billion by limiting

fees" that would bring in another \$49 billion.

He also proposed reforms in the political system he calls "a mess," including a \$1,000 limit on all political contributions.

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tax deductions for business entertainment. He also proposed "user

Hillary Can Bake a Mean Cookie, if She Wants - NEW YORK - Hillary Clinton said she did not want to stay home and bake cookies all day, but her recipe beat Barbara Bush's in

- Family Circle magazine published recipes from the presidential candidates wives in July and asked readers to choose between them. The Clinton recipe received 4,384 votes, or 55 percent; the Bush recipe received 3,559 votes, the magazine said in its November issue. To be fair, Mrs. Bush may have been handicapped. She disowned

The recipe printed as hers, saying it had come from a former chef. Family Circle got the contest idea after Mrs. Clinton, a lawyer and mother, was criticized for saying she was not about to stay home and "bake cookies and serve tea."

D'Amato Opponent Withdraws 'Fascist' Gibe

NEW YORK - After Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato and state Attorney General Robert Abrams sparred sharply over ethics and tactics in the first debate of their Senate campaign, Mr. Abrams formally apologized for calling the senator a "fascist" at a campaign

Mr. Abrams, who had earlier expressed regret for any offense the remark had caused the public but had repeatedly refused to apologize directly to the senator, said he had now done so because the squabbling had obscured discussion of the candidates' differences on major issues. Mr. D'Amato dismissed the apology as "not sincere" and "politically motivated."

Quote-Unquote

William J. Bennett, Mr. Bush's former anti-narcotics chief, after the second debate: "Clinton has to stumble, stumble, even fall for George Bush to win this race."

(Reuters)

President Bush: "I sort of identify with the Atlanta Braves. It ain't , over till the last batter swings."

* Away From the Hustings

The majority owner of the Silverado savings and loan, W. James Metz, pleaded guilty in Denver to a felony charge of misapplying ficarly \$100,000 in the failed thrift's funds in 1986. U.S. regulators estimate that Silverado's 1968 failure debacle will cost taxpayers \$1 billion. Mr. Metz is the second Silverado official indicted by a federal grand jury investigating the thrift's collapse.

 Members of Congress will get a 3.2-percent cost-of-living raise next year, a House official said. Beginning in January, salaries for representatives and senators will be \$133,644, up from \$129,500. Cardinal John O'Connor, complaining of nausea and light-headedness, was taken by ambulance from the annual Alfred E. Smith Memorial Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria to a hospital where he was in stable condition. It was the second time in 14 months that the cardinal, 72, has been hospitalized. He suffered heat prostration Aug. 31 last year while celebrating Mass at a religious community in. Monroe, New York.

• Hundreds of people left homeless in Miami by the hurricane in August moved out of tents and into mobile homes, and U.S. relief managers said they hoped to close the last tent city within a week. The tent city at Homestead's Harris Field had only 600 residents left. The lowest level of ozone ever recorded over the South Pole has been detected by instruments carried aloft by balloon, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said in Washington.

§ A combination of poor contingency planning by Los Angeles
efficials and failure to marshal law enforcement quickly from other

or property of the proper Southern California cities seriously hampered efforts to contain the arson and looting that swept large areas of Los Angeles County during last spring's riots, a special investigating panel has found.



The three presidential candidates responding to a question during the debate in Richmond, Virginia.

misleading letter related to the

bank fraud case - and then made

the embarrassing assertion that he

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A Funny Thing at the Forum Oddly, President Takes Laid-Back Approach

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

Washington Post Service RICHMOND, Virginia — Perhaps President George Bush decided that sharp attacks are unpresidential. Or perhaps he is already looking beyond the election to how he will be remembered. Whatever his reasons, the embattled president did not draw blood in the second presidential debate, nor did be even try.

True, be sought to score points against Governor Bill Clinton by raising "the character issue," his last, best hope for victory. It came up early in the debate - "character is an important part of the equation," Mr. Bush said - and at the end, when the president almost pleaded with Americans to think of whom they wanted in the White House at a time of crisis.

But mostly, Mr. Bush just answered questions. And for all his experience, he did not do that any better than Mr. Clinton, who seemed at home in a format that he has used so often in this campaign. Given Mr. Clinton's large lead in the polls, appearing to be at least the president's equal was a more

than satisfactory outcome. In the year of the talk-show campaign, it was Mr. Clinton who moved the farthest away from the set toward the audience, a gesture that separated him from Mr. Bush and Ross Perot, the independent candidate, at the debate's conclu-

And Mr. Clinton answered Mr. Bush's arguments about character implicitly and explicitly. On the one hand, he tried to

are not only about candidates but also about issues. He pushed forward his differ-

ences with the president on health care to make his point and invited voters to choose. "That's what you have elections for," he said.

who presumably know something about him, the voters of Arkansas. had kept him in office for 12 years.

That, he suggested, must say something about character. For Mr. Perot, Thursday night was the night the novelty began to

wear off. He could be as funny as always, peppering his answers with homey

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phrases — "brass tacks," "pretty simple," "throwing rocks" — and suggesting that Republicans and Democrats who evaded responsihility for the country's problems seemed to be saying that "extraterrestrials" were the culprit,

Mr. Perot may have also scored points by promising to serve but a single term, and by saying he would not take his pay if he became presi-

But Bush and Clinton aides emphasized something that rang true after 90 minutes of debate: Mr. Perot was far more skilled at describing problems than suggesting

Once again, there were a lot of plans lying around. And once again, Mr. Perot did not choose

among them. "At some point, it begins to wear a little thin," said Robert M. Tee-ter, Mr. Bush's campaign chair-man, "All those homilies with no

answers to the questions." Mr. Clinton made a similar point

during the debate, suggesting to argue with Mr. Bush that elections Mr. Perot that solutions to hard social and economic problems were not easy, and that choices were often controversial. "It's not true that everyone

Justice Department, is connected

to what was supposed to have been

the president's greatest triumph and electoral plus: the Gulf War.

The agencies are embroiled in a

struggle over American policy to-

ward Iraq before the war, which the

Democrats have used assiduously

to undermine Mr. Bush.

knows how to fix it," Mr. Clinton Above all, it was Mr. Bush's per-

But Mr. Clinton also suggested formance that stood out, not be-at the debate's close that the people cause it was extraordinary but because it seemed so consciously ordinary and laid-back.

The president's answers for the most part were coherent, and his aides could easily have cited his performance as more than adequate if he were ahead in the polls. But that is not where the president

And Mr. Bush did at times seem troubled, if not exasperated, that voters just do not seem to understand that he does realize how ordinary Americans feel in a time of economie trouble.

"You ought to be in the White House for a day and hear what I hear and see what I see and read the mail I read and touch the people that I touch from time to time," he told one questioner. Mr. Bush's lieutenants said that

the mellow approach was well-suited for an encounter designed more to answer voters than to provide a forum for invective. Perhaps the reviews of the nasty

vice-presidential debate held everyone back.

"President Bush did what he thought was right for himself," said the Republican chairman, Richard N. Bond. "This wasn't a night to get in somebody's chest."

Presumably, that could still

come in the final encounter on

In the meantime, Mr. Clinton continues to hang on, and he seems a bit more confident and a bit more at ease as an interminable cam-

paign approaches its end.
Ignoring all the talk that he should stop giving three-point plans and offering three-point answers, Mr. Clinton did just that, It seemed to fit with a crowd desperately serious about the country's problems and desperate, too, for comething substantive and real out

chaos," said Representative Rich-

ard A. Gepbardt of Missouri, the

House majority leader. "You've got

Baker going to go back to State one

week, and the next week it's on to

the economie front and the whole

team being fired. I don't quite

know why, but everything seems to

While Bush Fiddles With Campaign, Administration Burns

By Andrew Rosenthal New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - While President George Bush tries to revive his re-election bid on the campaign trail, his team in Washington is engulfed in another kind of crisis as key parts of the administration seem to be unraveling. In one episode, the director of

the FBI, under threat of criminal investigation by the Instice Department, has canceled testimony he was to give about whether he had misused agency funds. His wife, meanwhile, has been quoted-in a Texas newspaper as saying that ber husband had been in a "stupor" brought on in part by the political pointees in other agencies. The troubles of the director, Wil-

ham S. Sessions, are part of a highly unusual three-cornered battle involving the FB1, the Justice Department and the Central Intelligence Agency.

In the last two weeks this strug-gle has escalated into virtual civil war, with FBI and Justice Department officials accusing one another of engineering damaging newspa-The CIA and the Justice Depart-

By Michael Richardson

United States presidential cam-paign have concluded that Gover-

International Herald Tribune

had been "out of the loop" on an action by his own subordinates. The House Judiciary Committee,

meanwhile, and Senator Joseph R. the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, bave been heavily engaged. They are pressing for the appointment of a special prosecutor to investigate what the House panel called "possible criminal activities by high-ranking" officials of the CIA and the Justice Department. This is in connection with the scandal over \$4 billion in loans to Iraq from the Atlanta branch of an Italian bank, Banco Nazionale de

The White House has let these squabbles swirl while Mr. Bush and The CIA and the Justice Departhis chief of staff, James A. Baker full of poblicians who believe a new Pinkertoa was a relatively jumior ment are also in a running contest. 3d, have concentrated on the presi-order may be coming and are trying White House domestic policy aide to shift blame for who was respondent's re-election campaign. In a to salvage their fortunes.

sible for concealing information recent directive, the State Departabout a multibillion-dollar bank ment instructed its staff officers fraud involving Iraq.
Robert M. Gates, the director of not to forward any issue to the White House unless it was of the central intelligence, was recently forced to admit that his legal demost pressing possible nature to avoid distracting Mr. Bush and Mr. partment sent federal prosecutors a

Baker from the election. The State Department, in bu-reaucratic limbo, has been caught in an embarrassing position, ac-knowledging that a political ap-pointee violated the department's rules by expediting a request from news organizations for information from Governor Bill Clinton's passport records from the 1960s. The

search turned up nothing. The Bush team has even received Biden Jr., Democrat of Delaware, a blow from the postmaster genergested that his agency might consider delivering mail only on four days a week to save money.

Representative Vin Weber, a ing and is therefore willing to express publicly what Republicans at every level were talking about, said,
"I don't have any previous experience with anything like this."
Much of the new bout of unease

is clearly driven by Mr. Bush's electoral problems, as Washington has taken on the distinct tone of a city

Almost all Asian nations agree dustries as well as your private be no shocks," said Jusuf Wanand with this approach. They say they ones, observe human rights in the chairman of the supervisory board

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Many Asian officials are con-

conditions. One is that it receives

most-favored-nation treatment

visit to China that if a Democratic

administration under Mr. Clinton

denied such treatment to China, it would change the whole nature of

the relationship between the two

from all GATT members. Lee Kuan Yew, Singapore's se-nior minister, said during a recent

Clinton an Unknown Quantity for Asians

for much of the Cold War, it might were carrying the Statue of Liber-

Martin Anderson, a White
House adviser in President Ronald
Reagan's first term, sounded a
warning note. "Some people have

It is particularly vexing to Mr.

Bush's advisers that the most potentially damaging fight of all, sions within the administration.

The Democratis have been quick to pounce oa the deepening divisions within the administration.

"There seems to be some administration." warning note. "Some people have come to the conclusion that their president will probably lose, people on the inside, and they all want to he the first rat off the sinking ship," be said. They had better have made the right choice, because if things turn around and Bush does win, these guys are in real trouble."

Many Republicans here said Mr. Bush worsened the atmosphere last week by unceremoniously dumping his entire economie team as a gesture to conservatives. Now be is facing mutinies among advisers who seem more intent on saving their reputations than on helping the re-election effort.

A recent series of articles in The Washington Post about the admin-Minnesota Republican who is retiristration's fractured economic policy appeared in part to be an attempt by the White House budget director, Richard G. Darman, to defend his record and blame Mr. Bush's political advisers.

"I think Darman explained that it was all Jim Pinkerton's fault," Mr. Weber said sardonically. Mr. who now works at the campaign.

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DEBATE: Issues, Not Personalities, Take the Fore

But Mr. Clinton, the front-runer in the polls, gave no sign of pease at any point, and seemed loroughly comfortable in a format said he had suggested to the

Repeatedly he pointed up his anwers with anecdotes gleaned from oters on the campaign trail — a circ Mr. Bush tried to emulate rd the end of the debate. When ir. Bush was speaking, the televi-on camera often showed Mr. linton with an expression that mged from skeptical disbelief to

nused condescension. inton's communications direc-

er's blunt challenge to enter into a fin in opposition to term limits

imming agreement to set specific change of an otherwise calm evenuembers of Congress.

But Mr. Clinton, the front-run
seek a second term if he failed to ter issue against Mr. Clinton.

books now, but to do it you'd have Sunday's dehate that Prescott to raise taxes too much and cut Bush, the president's father, had benefits too much to people who voted to censure Senator Joseph R. need them and it would make the McCarthy and would be disapeconomy worse."

He added: "You'll have a shot at paign. me in four years and you can vote me right out if you think I've done a lousy job and I would welcome you to do that."

Mr. Bush repeated his call for a balanced-budget amendment and a line-item veto, which Mr. Clinton George Stephanopoulos, Mr. also supports, and then raised, for the first time in some weeks, the I'm interested in what we can trust C said of Mr. Bush: "It kind of idea of a tax checkoff plan to cut him to do and what you can trust

Mr. Bush, in the testiest exmeet them.

"No," he said. "I could be rid of it in four years in theory on the Mr. Clinton's chiding comment in

on trade and human tights prob-

Mr. Clinton, saying he was "dis-turbed by the tone and the tenor of this campaign," chose not to strike back at Mr. Bush directly.

pointed in his son's negative cam-

"I'm not interested in his character," he said. "I want to change the character of the presidency. And the deficit. "Some sophisticates the deficit that have a lot of fight."

Mr. Clinton declined a question
"Mr. Bush said. "I think it's good."

me to do and what you can trust think it may be a little gimmicky."

Mr. Perot to do for the next four years."

paign have concluded that Gover- again become a source of regional ty," Mr. Clinton said. He was refer-nor Bill Clinton is almost certain to instability. undermining East ring to the pro-democracy demonwin. But they do not know quite Asia's economic growth potential. In one of the few specific policy Chinese military in 1989. what to expect and tend to fear the worst — in particular, a deteriora-tion in U.S. relations with China. statements on Asia in his campaign, Mr. Clinton has said that he would link China's "trading privibleges to its human rights record and its conduct on trade and weapons ber of the world trading communi-Robert C. Broadfoot, managing director of Political and Economic

SINGAPORE — Governments and companies in Asia tracking the lous country is isolated, as it was the legitimacy of those kids that

Risk Consultancy Ltd. in Hong Kong said most Asian countries He has also said he would set up a "Radio Free Asia, like the suc-ment on Tariffs and Trade in 1950, would prefer President George Bush to have a second term, "if cessful Radio Free Europe, to carry a year after the Communists took only because they feel more comnews and hope to freedom-loving power in Beijing. It has been seek-people in China and elsewhere." power in Beijing. It has been seek-ing re-entry since 1986 on certain

fortable dealing with an adminis-tration they already know instead of a more unknown quantity." In the first televised debate between the presidential contenders last Sunday, he said that he would be "firm" toward China. Mr. Bush, a former U.S. ambas-sador to China, argues that America is more likely to make progress

"I would say: If you want to continue most-favored-nation stalems with Beijing if it keeps lines of tus for your government-owned in-

U.S. Tries to Balk Quayle's Accuser

court Friday to halt a lawsuit by an Quayle in 1971.

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WASHINGTON — The Bush administration asked a federal court Friday to halt a lawsynt by an

Celina Lin, chief economist for inmate who asserts that he sold Peregrine Brokerage Ltd. in Hong marijuana to Vice President Dan Kong said the reality of power would probably prevent Mr. Clin-Brett Kimberlin says he was ille- toa from taking radical action gally placed in solitary confine-ment on the eve of the 1988 presi-Both Washington and Beijing

ther official. Still, the prospect of a Clinton
The government contends that victory has made much of East Mr. Kimberlin was put in confine- Asia nervous. ment first for his own safety and "It will be very important to later because of a violation of pris- have steady hands in charge of the

on rules. At issue is whether the U.S. State and Defense depart-government must endure a poten-tially embarrassing jury trial. Council under Clinton so there will

of the Center for Strategic and In-ternational Studies in Jakarta. He said that if Mr. Clinton won. his choices for these three posts would be of critical importance. "Clinton has domestic priorities and experience," Mr. Jusuf said. "He cannot be a foreign policy president as Bush has been."

chairman of the supervisory board

Most Asian officials and analysts who were interviewed said they were impressed by the caliber of Mr. Clinton's senior foreign policy and military advisers. One of those advisers, Michael Mandelbaum, of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at

Harvard University, said last month that Mr. Clinton was a "committed internationalist" who favored "sustaining security ties and an American military presence in East Asia" that were consistent with the changing needs of the re-

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Saudis Relocated F-15s After Rabin Complained to U.S.

By David Hoffman

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin complained privately to the United States recently after he learned that Saudi Arabia had moved F-15 planes to an air base at Tabuk, about 200 kilometers from the southern Israeli city of Eilar, according to officials here. After Mr. Rabin's strong com-

plaint, the officials said, the United States asked Saudi Arabia to move the planes, and the Saudis complied. The planes were sent to Tabuk, they said, as part of the air operations involved in the British, French and American effort to impose a "no-fly" zone over southern traq in mid-August.

In deciding to move the planes to Tabuk, however, the Saudis and the United States apparently ignored a May 15, 1978, commitment from the defense secretary at the time, Harold Brown, to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He had pledged that the Saudi planes would not be located so close to Israel. It could not be learned why the vow was ignored, but the sources de and in the security sources de and the securit aware of the promise.

A senior Israeli official said the transfer of the planes to Tabuk was not considered a provocation, but a technical violation of the promise. which Mr. Brown made at the time of an earlier sale of 60 F-15s to Saudi Arabia

But another source said Mr. Rabin, who also serves as defense ster, was furious that the Sandis would put the planes so close to Israel, and he personally lodged the complaint with Washington.

The diplomatie exchange occurred just as President George Bush was preparing to announce the sale to Saudi Arabia of 72 more advanced F-15 planes. Mr. Rabin had said that Israel was opposed to the sale but realized there was strong congressional support for it. Israel did oot actively lobby lagainst it. Congress subsequently approved the sale

Had the Tabuk episode become known, it might have complicated Mr. Bush's effort to win congressional approval. During congressional testimony, administration officials reassured members of Congress than the 1978 pledge about the basing of the planes was still valid

Analysts here said it was significant that, rather than use the episode in a public campaign to try to block the sale, Mr. Rabin kept it private and pressed for an offset-ting package of military compensa-tion for Israel.

The analysts said this reflected Mr. Rabin's penchant for quiet deal-making with the United patron, rather than the kind of public confrontations that developed in recent years.

The Tabuk episode was dis-

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closed this week in the daily news paper Ha'aretz. Further details were provided by Israeli officials.

The allied "no-fly" zone over southern Iraq took affect Aug. 18. As part of the operation, the Saudi F-15s were moved to Tabuk to provide protection for the airborne radar planes used to gnard Saudi territory in cooperation with the United States in the event of a confrontation with Iraq. When Mr. Rabin learned of the

existence of the planes at Tabuk, he lodged the protest with Amhassa dor William Harrop. The F-15s were moved to other Saudi bases. Subsequently, Acting Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger wrote a letter to Israeli officials promising the new Saudi planes

would not be used in a hostile man-

ner toward Israel, nor "dispersed" in a hostile way. The letter has not been made public. Israeli officials said the letter, while somewhat vague, was sig-nificant because the promise is addressed directly to Israel, rather



A SPECIAL TRIP - Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, and his wife, Raisa saying goodbye in Moscow before flying to Germany on Friday to attend the funeral of Willy Brandt. Russian officials had banned him from traveling abroad because he refuses to testify at court hearings on the former Soviet Communist Party, but relented to let him to go the funeral.

BANKS: Barclays' Setback Shows That Single Market Remains Elusive

just the sort of nonsense that is contrary to the spirit of the single market," an irate British banker

Having spent 20 million francs (\$4 million) on advertising and at-tracting more than 1,000 new clients, Barclays said it would cootinue to maintain those new accounts until the end of next year. Meanwhile it will work to find ways

around this latest roadblock. "I really cannot see this ban going on long term because Barclays will complain" to French and European authorities, "and eventually will find a way around the rule anyway," said Sheila Garrard, an analyst with Lehman Brothers International

Ironically, one of France's big-sest banks, the state-owned Credit Lyonnais, has employed similar tactics in Belgium, luring customers away from indigenous banks by offering savers higher returns on their accounts. It has paid off handsomely, with Credit Lyonnais posting a big rise in profits in its Belgian operation last year. Ms. Garrard noted, however, that the Belgian banks "cannot reciprocate by coming into the French market and offering interest on checking accounts."

"What is odd about that argument is that it doesn't apply anywhere else in Europe," said an analyst in London, who ooted that banks in other nations have offered interest on checking accounts and

years. Other examples of informal barriers abound. In London, the Confederation of British Industry held

explore the problem. "There are lots of directives around but there are still an awful lot of uneven playing fields, too," said Judith Vincent, head of the confederation's department of company and

Community law. Contrary to their strong pro-Eu-ropean rhetoric, the French rank at the top in their efforts to restrain free trade, many British business-men insist. "The Germans are a much more rule-based society," Mr. Mather said. German rules and regulations may often times be cumbersome but once they are complied with trade can flow. In contrast, Mr. Mather said, the French appear to be "more oppor-

tunistic and unpredictable." In Paris, for instance, Sotheby's has been trying unsuccessfully for years to win permission to enter the French auction market. Sotheby's has an office in Paris and stages exhibitions there, bot wheo it comes to selling anything, they have to do that across the border in Monte Carlo. "We believe believe this is contrary to the spirit, if not the letter, of the Treaty of Rome," said Tim Llewellyn, the deputy chairman of Sotheby's Europe. Although laws aimed at harmo-

sped through parliaments from Paris to Copenhagen, putting those that Barclays was oot first. Cortal, laws into effect — much less enforcement — has lagged far behind. have introduced interest-bearing People agree to do things at accounts in recent years. Although very high levels in Brussels but that Barclays is the largest foreign bank filter down," said David Hawtin, market share "is minuscule," said director general of the British Toy

nizing markets across Europe bave

and Hobby Association. Europe's toy jodustry was believed to be losing money in among the first to enter the theoret- France. ically brave new world of the single market, on Jan. 1, 1990. What has hardy for a foreign bank to go head transpired since then provides precious little inspiration.

Safety Act was agreed by all, the vast branch octwork occessary to toys themselves failed to flow as compete for retail customers that

freely as expected.

The problem is that Germany insists that its food laws apply to toys. All manner of toys must be subjected, therefore, to toxicological tests designed to ensure that plastics used for cooking cootainers, which are also contained in

toys, meet German specifications.
The small toy manufacturer in
Cornwall or Brittany who complies
with the Toy Safety directive frankly doesn't expect any problems," said Mr. Hawtin. "Imagine his surprise when he is told he has to comply with German food laws."

Germany, however, remains unrepentant and is seeking to have its standards adopted Community

In the case of banking, Barclays has shaken up the existing order before. Several years ago Barclays greatly expanded its market share in Spain by being the first bank there to offer interest on checking accounts. For months the Spanish banks ignored the foreign interloper until Banco Santander unveiled similar product. All the major Spanish banks quickly following suit, but oot before Barclays and Santander had poached significant oumbers of customers.

The oddity of the French move is ocsu't occessarily in France, with 71 branches its Chris Ellerton, an analyst at Warburg Securities, and the bank is

Generally, bankers say it is foolto head with entrenched domestic banks in such well-developed mar-Although laws were duly passed kets as France, Britain and Germato ensure a single market and a Toy oy. It is the expense of building a

home, not fear of protectionism. —ERIK IPSEN Mitterrand III? Press Finds Him

has kept Europe's big banks at

Fit and Hungry BIRMINGHAM, England President François Mitterrand of France laughed off a report that be had fallen ill during a European Community summit meeting on Friday. saying "I am a man of rapid

BBC Radio Birmingham caused a flurry among journalists covering the meeting here with a report that Mr. Mitterrand, who underwent surgery for prostate cancer last month had been taken ill and left the conference under police es-

His spokesman, Jean Musi-telli, quickly quashed the re-port, saying the president was, lunching with the 11 other leaders with a healthy appe-

Mr. Mitterrand, who will be 76 on Oct. 26, went for a walk around the hoge International Cooventioo Center and arrived late for a lunch given by Prime Minister John Major of Britain officials said. As the doven of the EC leaders, he often arrives late.

Asked if he was exhausted Mr. Mitterrand said he might have been if the meeting had dragged on all evening.

MIA Affairs under an agreement between chairman John F. Kerry, Democrat of Massachusetts, and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney that appeared to paper over divisions within the Pentagon over the efficacy of the four possible combinations of these symbols complate to a classic distress symbol or to the escape and

or turned out to be shadows.

job.
"It is a poor security practice to 'talk around' classified activities," Mr. Andrews said, but he testi-According to Mr. Andrews, one of the manuale, signals seen in photos but never explained consisted of the oumbers 1573 or 1973 and the letters TH or TA. fied publicly before the Select Committee on POWobserved in the Plain of Jars in Laos in 1973. "Noncof. evasion symbols that our crews were trained to use he said, but "the symbols remain of interest to the the photo evaluation effort. The committee is conducting a series of hearings into the MIA issue, which has drawn periodic attention in Congress since the war. Defense Department because they have not been

Agency, or JSSA, had been brought in over the agent bead to re-evaluate photo data because of double

servicemen listed as "unaccounted for" could still the

Reading a 12-page, single-spaced statement the Senator Smith called "filibuster," Mr. Andrews conplained that "we and officials that have served before its have been indicted in the court of public opinioning ignoring signs that Americans were left behind band

Bob Dussault and Al Erickson, the ISSA trainers who saw the photos, acknowledged that when CIA analysts enlarged them and put them of Dishitate, the purported oumbers disappeared from the image.

ignoring signs that Americans were left behind based on an inaccurate bill of particulars that was drawn using incomplete, selectively leaked intelligence.

Senators Smith and Grassley complained that agency cy analysts had "made disappear" up to 19 four-digit numbers that might have been pilots personal codes, similar to PIN numbers, that seemed to appear in photographs seen by committee staff members and the

Mr. Andrews rejected charges by Senator Charles
R. Grassley, Republican of Iowa, that the Delease
Intelligence Agency, which is assigned to weigh all
information relating to the MIA issue, was trying to
cover up information about the possibility that some
is what con-Another photo, taken in 1988, clearly shows man-made letters about 12 feet high reading USA, dag into a rice paddy near Sam Neua in northern Laos. Nearby s what could be a modified K.

Meanwhile, officials said Thursday, a hastily orgaof the missing might still be alive. Senator Grassley was incorrect, he said, in telling the Senate last week was incorrect, he said, in telling the Senate last week that a little-known air force unit known as the Joint for meetings Saturday with Vietnamese officials centering on MIAs.

EC: Summit Meeting as an Exercise in Public Relations (Continued from page 1)

By Thomas W. Lippman

Withington Four Service

WASHINGTON — Two decades of aerial surveil
Agency, or JSSA, had been broug head to re-evaluate photo data about the agency's performance.

All other images reported through the years — Morse code symbols on roofs, words such as "Xmas"

or social security numbers etched on the ground, traces of a modified letter K used by pilots to signal

rescuers — have turned out to be shadows, vegetation or "artifacts" of the photographic process, Assistant Defense Secretary Duane P. Andrews told a Senate

committee Thursday.

Carefully worded to avoid disclosure of specific

techniques by which aerial photos are taken, analyzed and matched against intelligence gathered from radio

intercepts and human sources, Mr. Andrews's testimo-

oy nonetheless provided an extensive look at how such

can distinguish between "piles of rice stubble" and

other materials on the ground, determine whether a building is occupied and calculate the age of a paint

He said, for example, that trained photo evaluators

material is evaluated.

lance of Vietnam and Laos have revealed only two sets of "unexplained symbols" that could have been created by U.S. servicemen still missing from the Vietnam accused the agency of systematically devaluing intig.

ed by U.S. servicemen still missing from the vicinian war, a senior Defense Department official has gence information from photography, radio interceived testified.

maintain economie discipline that would enable them to advance together toward a future monetary

There will be "no inner core, oo fast track, no slow track — no one left behind," Mr. Major said. When Britain, which is serving as the EC president until the end of the year, decided to call the emergency summit meeting last month, the Community was in the midst of a political and economic break-

Money markets were in chaos, having forced Britain and Italy to abandon the currency grid that had shackled their economies to the Bundesbank's strict monetary discipline. At the same time, France's summit meeting in December narrow support for the Maastricht treaty failed to dispel the gloom that had falleo over the Communi-ty when Denmark rejected the

agreement in early June. The Birmingham meeting was intended to calm citizens in many European countries by easing fears that the Community is becoming the former Yugoslavia, a too centralized and intrusive. Such promise to speed up EC aid. wornes lay behind the spreading disenchantment with the Maastricht treaty, which is intended to create a monetary union by the end of the decade and to strengthen the bonds of political cooperation. :

But those efforts to set the Conmunity back on course appear to be in danger of being swamped by spite the concerted effort of EC ly to reverse their rejection of the leaders to avoid divisive issues at Masstricht treaty and Mr. Major may find it all but impossible to domestic economic problems income may find it all but impossible to may tably intruded on the proceedings. ment. A small group of coal miners, for

example, protested just outside the ing was held over the British government's decision to close 31 mines employing 30,000 workers in the midst of a deep recession. Inside the summit meeting, how-

ever, the leaders endorsed positions on broader questions, including: An intention to move ahead with ratification of the Maastricht treaty, while waiting for Denmark to present its plan for a new referendum. They said the Edinburgh

would outline a framework for solving the Danish problem. Support for completion of a GATT agreement by the end of the year, but only within the EC's "ex-

• A call for decisive action to provide further relief this winter in the former Yngoslavia, and a Support for elforts to settle the

civil war in Somalia and provide UN troops where needed. The principal issue, however, revolved around the effort to remove said: "That's why I say an apple a the image of the Community as a remote and unnecessarily intrusive institution. Unless there is some Commission, the group's executive,

EC leaders said they had agreed

that Community legislation should convention center where the meet- be more limited, clearer and better explained. They said that there should be more consultation with the public and interested parties before new proposals were advanced and that the EC Commissioo should prepare a program each year to be discussed with netional parliaments.

But even after doing so, there was still much confusion over the abstruse issue of "subsidiarity," under which Brussels is supposed to make decisions only when they cannot effectively be made at a lower level of government.

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, Denmark's foreign minister, came to the meeting with boxes of Danish apples that he said had been blocked from other markets by rules saying they were too small to be shipped throughout the Com-

Handing out the apples as a symbol of the need to keep EC rules to a minimum, Mr. Ellemann-Jensen day keeps the Commission at bay."

But it turned out that the EC change in direction, EC leaders. had helped to make it possible for more prosaic domestic events. De- agreed, Danish voters were unlike- Denmark to export its apples.

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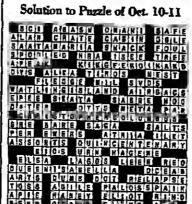
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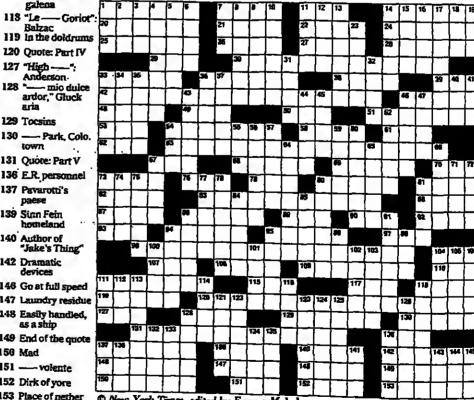
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Defragely. S. Disease War Targets Complacency Robert E. Shope, co-chairman of the committee and a virologist at Yale Unit

VASHINGTON — Public health surveilce systems are inadequate to detect threats m new diseases and the re-emergence of old s, the National Academy of Sciences said in *port

The sudden appearance of new diseases like DS and the resurgence of old ones like tubercosis that can kill millions of people around world are inevitable despite the great adices in medicine, according to the report m the academy's institute of Medicine, is-'xi here Thursday.

The report offers what the academy said was first public policy strategy to deal with the cat that comes from at least 50 viruses, bacteria, fungi and parasites, as well as an unknown number of microbes that have yet to committee and a virologist at Yale University.

The committee said it was alerting doctors, medical schools, government officials and the public to end complacency over infectious dis-

Many scientists and others have mistakenly believed these diseases had been conquered with the advent of antibiotics and vaccines. Scientists and health officials were urged to sharpen their attack against the potential for devastating new epidemics from viruses and other microbes for which there are no effective

drugs and vaccines. We're vulnerable to something along the line of the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic that killed 20 million people worldwide," said Dr. lie health."

"lt's happened once; it can happen again,"

No one knows what caused the 1918-19 influcuza virus to be so virulent. New diseases are certain to appear but no one knows how to predict when, where and how they will occur,

Dr. Joshua Lederberg, a co-chairman of the committee, said that after the introduction of antibiotics and vaccines like the one for polio after World War II "we acted as though we had won the war on infectious disease, but the fact is infectious microbes have been around all along and will continue to pose threats to pub-

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"When Mr. Jones returns, the

In 1939 the University of Chicago, once a powerhouse in the Big Ten, abandoned intercollegiate football. Its chancellor. Robert Maynard Hutchins, wanted a minimum of distractions from great books and scholarly discourse. In 1962, however, the Maroon returned to football, but in a small way. Although it has been playing an undernanding schedule of small nearby colleges, its record in the past 30 years is 49 won, 145 lost and 2 tied. Few institutions can top Chicago's fa-vorite chant, bowever: "Ha ha.

Arthur Higbee

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TOPICS

Old Timber Outlit Is Kind to the Trees

" Amid the national debate over logging the great forests of the West, the Collins Almanor Forest niear Chester, California, wins praise from environmentalists, even though its 91,000 acres (37,000 hectares) echo with the roar of chain saws and the rumble of lumber trucks.

Tom Kenworthy of The Washington Post reports that for more than 50 years, the small, family-owned Collins Pine Co. has pracficed sustained-vield, selective harvesting. There are no clear cuts, those vast open spaces in which virtually every tree has been removed in the interests of efficiency. Most stands still have magnificent 200- and 300-year-

More woody dealers which returns the forest floor, which returns

more nutrients to the soil. Log- | long, and weigh 3.5 ounces (100 | ging roads are set well back from | grams). streams. The stands have a vari-

ety of species and ages. This has its costs. For example, harvesting trees of all ages means that the sawmill is less efficient because the machinery cannot be tailored to one size of log.

"This is a very real business venture here," said Bill Howe, the manager. "Making money is the whole purpose." But he adds, "We believe in being prudent stewards in a long-term, sustained way."

Short Takes

Thirteen Komodo dragons, the world's largest lizards, have been hatched at Washington's National Zoo, with two eggs yet to go. Officials said they are the first to be hatched outside Indonesia their country of origin. The carnivorous dragons, an endangered species, grow as long as 9 feet (3 meters) and weigh as much as 300

pounds (136 kilograms). The black-and-yellow babies are

about 16 inches (41 centimeters)

Yes. Club, No," says a full-page newspaper ad pitched to executives who "want to get in shape, but don't want to deal with the swingin' club scene. They want toned muscles and less flab, but don't want to compete with body builders or parade around in stretch leotards. It's enough to make anyone avoid health chubs forever." So at Cardio-Fitness Centers, the atmosphere is "pro-fessional," there are identical Tshirts and shorts for everybody. Leotards are out, and "getting in shape is not about pumping up your pecs, but about proving your fitness level."

The Cardio-Fitness Center

chain proclaims that it is for health, not socializing. "Health,

A St. Louis, Missouri, secretary registers this complaint with Ann Landers, the advice columnist: "Miss J. Q. Public calls the ABC Co. and asks to speak with Mr. Jones. When she is told, Mr. Jones is not in; please give me

secretary must clear ber computer to look up Miss Public's number or go find it in the Rolodex. This is exasperating, because it takes the caller no longer to give the number than it does to say, 'He has it.'

hoo boo, we've got more Nobels than you."

Math Tests Don't Measure Up, Study Says

- NEW YORK - Widely used standardized tests may be hampening efforts to improve mathematics and science education, and they hurt minority students the most according to a

The study found that current standard tests and textbook tests influenced teachers to stress memorization rather than reasoning, an emphasis that undermines curriculum changes be-

... because of the enormous pressure to improve students' scores, the study found. ity students feel this pressure most keenly and Teachers in urban schools with many minorare more likely to base their curriculum on the

reasoning skills that math and science educators want to emphasize.

Most experts in the field agree that rather than memorizing mathematical formulas or scientific terms, students must learn bow to think like mathematicians and scientists by being able to solve problems, design their own experiments to test bypotheses and explain the reasoning behind an answer.

Current tests often simply require students to answer a multiple-choice question. The tests that some experts envision might ask students to design a program by which a restaurant could conserve water or to decide whether it made more sense to buy a car or lease one.

Researchers said the study should serve as a warning to policymakers who are considering whether to require national testing and what kinds of tests to require. All three presidential candidates have endorsed the idea, but none

has specified whether such tests should be dif-

"If we do go that route, we had better be sure we are measuring the right things," said George Madaus, director of the Boston College Center for the Study of Testing, Evaluation and Educational Policy, which conducted the study. The three-year, \$1 million study was paid for by the National Science Foundation.

form groups are calling for, the kinds of outcomes we want for our students in math and

tests entered the market this year.

U.S. Backs **Employers** On Health Benefit Cuts

By Robert Pear New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration has decided to back a U.S. court raling that employers may slash the health insurance coverage of workers who develop costly ilinesses like AIDS, government lawyers said.

The lawyers said that Solicitor General Kenneth W. Starr would present the administration's views in a memorandum to be filed with the Supreme Court in the next few days. The memorandum urges the court not to review the ruling, by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

In the case, a man who worked at a music store in Houston saw his maximum benefits cut to \$5,000 from \$1 million after he developed AIDS and filed his first claims. His employer decided to serve as its own health insurer and so, unlike conventional providers of group health insurance, was able to avoid

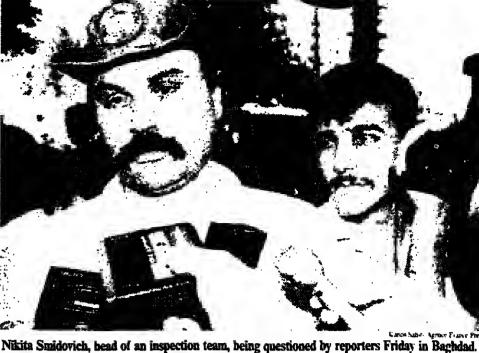
state insurance regulations.
The Supreme Court asked the administration for its views on the politically charged case in March. Justice Department Officials say they took longer than usual to respond because the case involved complex, sensitive legal issues.

Over the last few months, many organizations lobbied the Justice Department, saying Mr. Starr should urge the high court to re-verse the lower court ruling. The ruling said that employers may, under a 1974 law, sharply cut insurance coverage for employees with AIDS and other costly illnesses like cancer and Alzheimer's disease.

The American Medical Association, the American Hospital Asso-ciation, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, the American Association of Retired Persons, the American Bar Association and the National Commission on AIDS, a federal advisory committee created by Congress, all sent letters to Mr. Starr saying that the appeals court ruling was wrong as a matter of both law and policy.

There was a sharp dispute between federal agencies over what to tell the Supreme Court, according to government lawyers. The Labor Department, for instance, which regulates employee benefit plans, upports the appellate court roling.

But the Department of Health and Human Services opposed the appeals court ruling, saying it subverted the whole concept of insur-



Baghdad Snubs UN Arms Inspectors No Officials Greet Team of 50 That Iraq Tried to Delay

BAGHDAD - A team of 50 received information that Iraq hid UN weapons experts, the largest to as many as 200 long-range missiles inspect Saddam Hussein's arsenals after it lost the war in Fehruary since the missions began last year, arrived Friday and were given a

chilly reception. There were no Iraqi officials at Habbaniya Airport to welcome the team. A lone police jeep escorted their two red and white buses 60 kilometers (about 35 miles) to a

The experts are being led by Ni-kita Smidovich, a Russian.

"We are here on a very important mission," Mr. Smidovich said. We have a full program for about two weeks." He added, "We have experts in

all areas but the emphasis will be on ballistic missile area." The UN Special Commission, which is charged with enforcing of inspection teams."

terms of the Gulf War truce, has after it lost the war in Fehruary

Iraq said it has declared and shown inspectors everything related to Scud missiles.

Mr. Smidovich, an expert in chemicals weapon, said his team would make several surprise inspections. "We will visit declared and undeclared sites," he said.

UN officials in New York, indicating concern about Iraqi response to the new mission, cited a Socialist Party. In it be called for mobilizing the party and people "to confront the attempts of the stray dogs that came under the cover of UN committees and under the title

Iraq had sought to postpone the arrival of the new team until after the U.S. presidential elections Nov. 3, arguing that the team might seek a confrontation for political reasons to help President George Bush win a second term

The team, the 45th to visit Baghdad, includes expens on nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and ballistic missiles from the United States, Russia, Britain, France, Italy, Germany and Australia.

It was not known whether the team would seek entry to any mintranscript of Mr. Saddam's speech istry hudding, but Iraq has said Oct. 6 to his ruling Arab Ba'ath that ministries are symbols of sociological statements. ereignty and are off-limits

Mr. Smidovich said inspectors should be able to enter any site they selected in Iraq, whether it be a ministry or even the presidential

By Susan Chira

New York Times Service nationwide study.

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tests and to drill students for them. Thus, minority students are failing to learn the very

ferent from current standardized tests.

If the current tests do not change, Mr. Ma-dans said, "we will not be reflecting what re-

But representatives of test and textbook publishers said the study had not examined newly published tests that conform to new directions in math and science education. Some of these

Dog Rescues Man in Quake Rubble

CAIRO - A French search dog led rescue workers Friday to a man buried alive for 81 hours after the 14-story building where he lived collapsed in the earthquake bere this week.

Aktham Ismail Hamouda, 37, was found alive but dazed, clutching the hands of his dead wife, his mother and daughter.

More than 60 bodies had been pulled from the debris of the building in the middle-class residen-

tial area of Heliopolis.

The dog "went into the debris through a very small bole," said the dog's handler, a member of the French group Urgent International Action.

which has been assisting in rescue operations. "He came out and barked four times. I knew he had found someone alive."

Mr. Hamouda's left ankle was dislocated and fractured. The attending doctor, Hany Zaky, said: "All his vital signs are normal. Mentally he is fine but psychologically he is stressed. He is a very strong guy.

The earthquake Monday claimed nearly 500 lives. Most Egyptian officials had lost hope of finding anyone alive, but Interior Minister Mohammed Abdel-Halim Moussa said after visiting Mr. Hamouda, "After this, we never give up."

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The Bosnian Question

Five Measures to Help

While Americans focus increasingly on who will win on Nov. 3, embattled Bosnians worry about a simpler question: Will they live that long?

Serbian planes continue to pound Bosnian towns. Brutal "ethnic cleansing" accelerates in northern Bosnia after Croatia's forces, nominally allied to Bosnia, faithlessly abandoned the area to Serb control. Short of fuel as winter approaches, panicky residents of Sarajevo chop down the city's trees. Cyrus Vance, the United Nations mediator, warns of a catastrophe of "untold limensions" unless the world acts soon.

Steadily, a question inscribes itself everdeeper into American and Western consciences: Is the world doing all it can at least to slow the slaughter in Bosnia?

There are five ways for the world to help: Establish a prompt UN presence. British French and Canadian troops have been slow to move in as promised. They can monitor the border and keep Serbian troops from artacking northern Bosnia. They can secure corridors for urgently needed food and medicine. Their presence can reassure residents who might otherwise enlarge the

refugee tide. When will the troops get there?

• Enforce the no-fly zone. U.S. planes observe continuing Serhian sorties against: unprotected Bosnian towns. They need

Cultural Cleansing

The atrocity of "ethnic cleansing" in Bosnia is apparently an even more thorough business than the evidence of widespread murder, deportations and brutality would indicate. New reports from historians and regional experts now suggest that Serbian attacks on the Bosnian cities of Sarajevo and Mostar have purposely and successfully tar-geted national libraries, museums and ar-chives, in the process wiping out nearly the entire written record of Bosnia's history.

Among the losses described by witoesses are the National Library in Sarajevo which contained the university's holdings and also the national archive of newspapers and periodicals - which was shown on television in August being humed to the ground. Other apparent losses, as reported in the London-based publication the Art Newspaper, include extensive collections of Oriental manuscripts and microfilm at Saraievo's Oriental Institute, which was destroyed by shelling; the Franciscan monastery in the city of Mostar that contained the main historical archives for Herzegovina before the Ottomans conquered the region in the 15th century; and the library adjoining a Sarajevo mosque with a treasure-trove of calligraphic and illuminated manu-scripts, Islamic and Jewish, dating to the 12th century. One historian of the region observed in the Art Newspaper that if in-deed the Serbs were targeting this material

United Nations authority to shoot down helicopters as well as fixed-wing planes.

• Repeal the arms embargo. Serbs and others have all the arms they need, and can

circumvent the embargo to get more. The embargo disarms only Bosnia. The United States can persuade the Security Council to drop the embargo, then help arm the Bosnians with big guns to resist aggression.

 Speed up relief supplies. People in Sa-rajevo and other Bosnian towns will die by the hundreds of thousands this winter unless they get food, water and heat. Yet Serbs have only now opened natural gas pipelines and they still permit only a trickle of water to flow. And the UN relief effort is behind schedule and underequipped, providing what one Western diplomat derides as merely "the illusion of action." For instance, only 87 of the requisitioned

200 trucks have arrived. Take in refugees. Neighboring Croania has been hospitable but is overwhelmed by refugees fleeing the fighting in Bosnia. Other countries need to help, especially the United States and Britain, which have so far slammed their doors.

The world shrinks from waging a war of conscience against the slaughter. How will Americans and others answer, after the election, after the winter, after thousands more have perished?

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

- as some Serbian commanders have claimed (particularly in one case where they told the BBC they were aiming at an an-thropological collection on the roof of the Sarajevo regional museum) — they had ironically destroyed a tremendous accumulation of records of Serbian civilization in the region as well.

The loss here goes even beyond the obvious ones to history and humanism, for Bosnian history — as has been frequently alluded to, often bemusedly, in reports on the war — is, in recent generations at least, the history of a republic where the three different strains of Muslims, Serbs and Crosss had been coexisting, commingling and intermarrying with a fair degree of peacefulness. One Princeton-based scholar suggests that the feared destruction would make it almost impossible to do research on the conversion and subsequent history of the Bosnian Muslims — Slavs, sharing a common language with Serb and Croat neighbors, who adopted Islam from the Ottomans half a millennium ago.

Concerns about the wartime destruction of history, like that of art masterpieces. unavoidably take a back seat to the more immediate outrage of observers at human suffering. But if not only this community but also the records of its civilization are destroyed, it will be a kind of "ethnic cleansing" that adds a chilling dimension to the atrocities that now dominate the news.

- THE WASHINGTON POST,

Tokyo's Housecleaning

does not count for much in Japanese politics. But public outrage over big-money politics is driving Tokyo's most important power hroker. Shin Kanemaru, from his

remaining political posts. If the public can sustain its righteous anger, it might transform Japan's one-party system and develop more representative political institutions. Americans bave a stake in this struggle. A Japan less beholden to farm voters and faction bosses could be a

less frustrating ally. Mr. Kanemaru acknowledges illegally accepting \$4 million from a trucking company. The transaction is alleged to have been part of an elaborate scheme used to pay organized crime figures for silencing critics of a key Kanemaru ally, former Prime Minister Noburo Takeshita.

The prominence of the politicians involved, the link to crime bosses and prosecutors' lenient treatment of Mr. Kanemaru galvanized the public reaction. Business leaders and even politicians joined the chorus of denunciation. In response, parlia-ment will soon take up limited reforms. These include stiff penalties for illegal contributions and reapportionment of seats in line with population shifts. Reapportionment could dilute the influence of interest groups like rice farmers and better reflect the interests of urban consumers. More farreaching changes are needed.

A switch to single -member parliament ry districts could sharply reduce election costs and impose unity on party factions. A split of the ruling Liberal Democrats would give Japan two competitive mainstream parties. With continued public pressure, both steps are possible by next year.

The Kanemaru affair is the latest in a series of scandals that have brought down governments. The scale of political contributions has expanded exponentially, bringing calls for curbs on political spending. Meanwhile, drastically changed conditions have undermined the rationale for a dominant business-backed party. Communism is no longer an issue. Japanese corporations are no longer fragile, desperate for political stability. Japan's international interests require rationalized governmental decisionmaking. And a new generation of urban consumers needs fairer representation.

Japan's long-passive citizenry is right to demand cleaner, more competitive poliucs. Japan's allies have good reason to wish them success.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

She Cried for Somalia

It took President Mary Robinson of Ireland to put the tragedy of Somalia squarely before the world. After three days visiting its starving people and dismal camps, she faced a press conference in neighboring Kenya, broke down and wept. She was shamed, shamed, shamed that the developed world had lost its humanity and watched as others suffered." She spoke of children waiting, silent and still, for a feed ration that never came; of a mother whose milk had dried up

trying to breast-feed her baby.
The UN and other agencies must rise strongly to the challenge," she said. "Governments must reidentify their priorities and individuals must face this crists."

But getting food to starring people probably would mean killing Somali bandits who prevent their receiving it. So far, governments have not contemplated that.

The powerful tears of Mary Robinson

pricked the conscience of the world. But they cannot get the starving people of So-malia fed without force of a different kind. - The Baltimore Evening Sun.

"The whole world must take responsibility for what is happening, not just here but in the whole of the Horn of Africa. in Kenya which is bearing a great burden with the Somali refugees. Responsibility must operate at two levels. First, responsibility at the level of the UN and the European Community. It would be nice to see an EC presence here. Secondly, responsibility at the level of individual actions. As I went around ireland in the two weeks before I left I was very impressed by the outpouring of sympathy for what is happening in Somalia. If the people of the larger countries became as engaged with the Somali tragedy, then we would have made great progress."

- President Mary Robinson, quoted in the Sunday Tribune (Dublin).

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Saving Lives in a Fatally Scrambled Land

WASHINGTON — "Your reasoning is impeccable," the professor writes, "but" — an ominous but — "it is Western, modern and forward-looking." He was re-ferring to my suggestion that self-determination has been carried too fast too far in the Balkans and that the alternative to setting up new states, with all the violence and disruption that has entailed, is better

to protect minorities in old ones.

"The ugly fact," the professor continues, "is that no Christian folk with a history of 500 years of Islamic domination would accept restora-tion of Islamic rule"—presumably even enlightened Islamic rule.

This is a disagreeable verdict for those of us who have thought it a good thing, not a disqualification, to be "Western, modern and forward-koking." Our political assumption has been that pluralism, far from being a problem in multiethnic situations, is a possible solution.

versity is a natural and positive con-dition that expresses deeply based personal values as well as civic ones. What is involved here is not some high-minded appeal to ideals too lofty to guide political action but the opposite: a summons to standards that alone offer the shards of Yugoslavia a prospect of coexistence after the wars. For the Serbs are not sim-ply inflicting death and misery on others and heavy costs on themothers and neavy costs of mem-selves; they are sowing vengeance and instability on a scale that will plague their national life indefinitely. There is another, sobering draw-back to tribalism, which is what this beast is, If it is accepted as the premise of diplomacy, then it leaves the United States and other onlook-ers with no good idea for the future of any number of the places vulnerahle to Yugoslav-type convulsions. Ethnically speaking, the "old" mixed-up Yugoslavia federation

By Stephen S. Rosenfeld

kitchen. But we are seeing now that determination by one state and diffidence by others make it possible — and hornble — on the battlefield.

To stop drawing new borders and to mak aroused nationality groups, this time protected, back into old borders would amount to rescrambling the egg. It sounds zany. But to go the other way, to cantons, is to condone the "ethnic deansing" that is being practiced in Bosnia and that could get a lot worse. The times brim with ethnic upheavals, but this one, in a continent proud of its civilizing

mission, sets a frightful example.

Laza Reicie writing from London, finds the Serbs' case for unscrambling, for separation, far superior to that of Croats, Slovenes and Mus-lims, It arises not only from a threat to group identity and the lack of home rule, he argues, but from a need to rectify the injustice of vile World War II persecution and of

more recent maltreatment. Serbs' wartime experience, he reminds, "is not some 'ancient grievance' but genocide suffered within the lifetime of a middle-aged man."

Of a middle-aged man."

One can accept Mr. Kekic's feeling for his people and much of his reading of history but still be brought up short by the means — the mass terrorization of others — by which his goals are now being served. He protests "outside interference or meddling" — his characterization of what other countries are doing now to get Serbia to stop are doing now to get Serbia to stop the violence. But he offers no acknowledgment of Serbia's gross interference and meddling in other former Yugoslavs' affairs.
In fact, the West's "interference

and meddling" are pitifully inadequate to the task. A less discreet spokesman for Serbia would be

thanking other governments for their hesitations and not fussing

over gestures that have barely slowed the Serbian juggernau. The continuing war represents the flourishing of that "suicidal nationalism" that then-Secretary of State James Baker once incantiously warned of in respect to Ukraine. Right idea, wrong time and place. Mr. Baker had a sense of the trouble that uncontrolled fragmentation could bring to Yugoslavia but, on an issue secondary to the United States, he did not organize a policy

strong enough to stave it off.
Some lesser but essential policy rospects remain: multiplying reef, toughening the embargo on Serbia, enforcing an air cap over Bosnia, letting Muslims acquire arms, negotiating a cease-fire. These steps do not take Yugoslavia to a recognizable political future.

They can save lives The Washington Past.



A Docile Bush Has Republicans Praying for a Crisis

RICHMOND, Virginia — Send in the tanks.

The latest — and maybe last —

Republican strategy for salvaging the 1992 presidential election is to hope for some kind of international crisis that would remind voters of the Bush team's skill and experience in coping with such high-tension moments.

Vice President Dan Quayle, in the Atlanta debate, recalled the night be was summoned to the White House to deal with a coup attempt in the Philippines. Through the predawn hours, be and President George Bush. who was en route to the Malta summit meeting, coordinated a successful U.S. response. Sternly, Mr. Quayle reminded viewers that there will be

will require similar leadership skills. Two nights later, in the second presidential debate here, Mr. Bush posed this bypothetical question:

If, in the next five minutes, television announcer came on and

said there is a major international crisis, there is a major threat to the world ... If you were appointed to name one of the three of us, who would you choose? Who has the perseverance, the character, the integrity, the maturity to get the job done? I hope I'm that person."

The Republicans know what they

are doing in conjuring up such possi-bilities. Back in March, when it was first becoming clear that Mr. Bush would probably face Bill Chinton in November, The Post's Dan Balz and I spent an evening with voters in Oak Park, Illinois. They were men and women who had spin their votes in the 1988 presidential race but had a real reluctance to support either Mr. Bush

or Mr. Clinton in 1992.

We tried to gauge what kind of event might tip their choice, asking how they would react to everything from a spure of inflation to a Supreme Court decision outlawing abortion. Of the dozen scenarios we tried, only one produced a strong reaction. If fighting were to break out among the nucleararmed nations of the former Soviet Union, they said, they would over-whelmangly want George Bush rather

By David S. Broder

than Bill Clinton in the White House. Unfortunately for Republican strategists, there is no international crisis causing Americans to worry or pray. Instead, we have a steady drumbeat of day-to-day problems, worries about unpaid medical bills, uncertain joh prospects — domestic challenges. Nothing showed that more clearly

than the questions posed to Mr. Bush, Mr. Clinton and Ross Perot by the audience here in Virginia. Only one person asked about international affairs. The tilt to domestic concerns -jobs, deficits, crime, Social Security, children's needs - served as a reminder of the gap between voters'

arena of world affairs. That was not the only way in which answer sessions with voters than

hates professional politicians. There is, however, a significant danger in his candidacy, Mr. Perot promises, if elected, to immediately create a series of task forces to make plans to solve the country's economic and social problems. He said in the first debate that he would reveal these plans to the public as a Christmas present, and as soon as the inaugura-tion was over he would "get off to a flying start in '93 to execute them."

The assumption behind this is the

mistaken one that the problems to be solved in political policy resemble problems in engineering or even in business. It supposes that they are problems for which clear answers ex-ist, which will become apparent when

ole Simpson, encouraged audience members to express their distaste for candidates' "trashing their opponents' character," as one questioner put it. Mr. Bush seemed unwilling to risk reproach from the crowd, so the attack on Mr. Clinton's veracity and consistency — which Republicans consider vital to their hopes — virtually disappeared.
With Mr. Bush muzzled and Mr.

Mr. Bush was hurt, and Mr. Clinton

helped, by the audience-participation format. Early on, the moderator, Car-

Perot limiting himself to the role of foxy folk-philosopher he has played perhaps once too often, Mr. Clinton practice in televised question-and-

anyone else in America this year, He cannot be defeated in such encounters. He is relaxed, lively, informative and personal — talking policy in specific but anecdotal fashion. His answer on health care, for example, began, "Twe had more people talk to me about their health care problems, I guess, than anything else — all across-America, people who have lost their jobs, lost their businesses . . . "Then he detailed his three-point plan to conferent this "his humby methlers."

front this "big human problem."

Mr. Clinton's body language was sindiedly effective. By moving off the stage set into almost arm's reach of each questioner, he gave television viewers a sense of his persuasiveness as

to hoping someone coes up a coup.

Amateurs — Frank, Refreshing, Flawed

By William Pfaff

serious intelligence and effort are ap-

P ARIS —The misfortunes of Vice Admiral James Stockdale in the vice presidential debate were those of the amateur in politics, and he is no worse for them. But the success of Ross Perot in the first presidential debate, and in the earlier stages of his off-and-on campaign, is also the success of an amateur. His amateurism has been his great strength, at a time when the public has decided that h

plied to finding the solutions.
There are, as Mr. Perot acknowledged, dozens of plans out there now for solving the country's political and social problems. They are "lying all over Washington," but "nobody ever executes [them]," he said. True enough; and the reason is that nobody can get enough people in Con-gress and the administration to agree on which of the plans is the right one, or the one they are prepared to pay for — or to ask the public to pay for. There lies the political proble Jimmy Carter, who like Mr. Perot was educated at the U.S. Naval Academy, which is fundamentally an

engineering school, had much this same view of government. Put the "best minds" to work to find the answers. When you have done that. the right solutions will be found. That is the way you do it in engineering and science. It may not be easy to find the right answer, but once you

person will recognize that it is right. The search for engineering solu-tions to strategic and political prob-lems has in the past made much trou-ble for Washington's policymakers. The reason for this is that political analysis is a matter of qualitative rather than quantitative thought.

If Mr. Perot were elected and were to try to govern through task forces searching for objective answers to problems rooted in conflicts of ideology and interest, and by means of his "electronic town meeting" — a form of on-going popular referendum, so far as one can make out — his presidency almost certainly would end after four years in frustration and hitterness. America does not need still

on the other hand, Mr. Perot's great accomplishment is to have forced his opponents to concode that any solution to the country's prob-lems will be painful. He insisted upon this in the first debase, stoutly defending his proposal for a tax rise on gasoline, going up to 50 cents a gallon by the end of five years. Of course that would hart the ordinary man.

But Ross Perot is the first presidential candidate since Walter Mondale to say to ordinary Americans that the recession/depression of 1992 is the result of all those free lunches Americans were glad to ac-cept — while asking for more during the Reagan years.

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Germany: A Pattern-And a Past

By Flora Lewis

BERLIN — It is right to worry about the outburst and persistence of violent attacks against defenseless foreigners in Germany. Other countries have spasms of destructive xenophobia, but there is a pattern here as well as a sinister past which makes the German phenome-

na particularly upsetting.

And many Germans are worried. some perhaps more about the damage to the country's image abroad than about the ugliness empting in their own society. Still, it is accepted as a serious issue demanding a seri-

ous, energetic response.
A conference at the Aspen Insti-tute here examined the questions of "Right-wing extremism in united Germany: Why and what now!" The participants easily agreed that something bad is happening. But there were many theories about the cause, about when the cause. about what it means and how to stop it. The one definite conclusion was that urgent attention is required de-spite Bonn's policy of not "overdra-

matizing" the repeated incidents.

There have been 1,400 attacks this year, of which 600 were in former East Germany and the remainder in the West. But those in the East are more dangerous and harder to re-press. For the most part they were acts of young people with limited links to organized neo-Nazis and ul-tra-nationalists. Contrary to the popular impression, these people were

not usually unemployed or rootless.

The dominant slogans are "Foreigners out" and "Germany for the Germans," which have enough resonance among those who don't actually join in the raids to encourage the "skins." "Skins," for skinheads, has become a German word. Deliberate. violent confrontations between linke Skins (leftists) or anti-Fas (anti-fascists) and nationalist skins or antianti-Fax, have ominous echoes of the Nazi-Communist gang wars that helped fell the Weimar Republic. It has to be admitted that Germa-

ny's lack of a rational immigration law exacerbates the situation. An difficial said that Germany takes 70 percent of all the refugees who reach Western Europe, and a professor said that revalsion against the migrants is not because Germans are hurting but because they have so much to lose that they feel victimized.

It is evident that aggressive attindes among many young people in the East are the legacy of communism's collapse. The Communist state defined and shaped their lives, providing sports, clubs, social gatherings as well as controls. Now they are left to themselves and they are feckless, unable to imagine and develop

their own prospects. Their education under communism had nothing about tolerance, diversity, initiative. It focused on the "enemy" (West Germans, capitalism, class distinction). It also preached accial instinct on the collection of social justice, concern for the collec-tive; but if the dogmatic sermons were believed at all they were crased with the regime, and the concept of

enemy as the way to define one's identity remained.

Probing the reasons for the attitudes of these young people and their violence matters in order to figure out how to counter them. These are not random crimes; they reflect deeper social madequacies that must be ad-

dressed with conscious effort.

But explaining cannot be allowed to take the place of firm reaction. Nor can appeasing by deporting the mi-grants or moving them out of sight. If there were not the ostensible provocation of foreigners living on welfare while the state decides their right to asylum, there would be others different enough to offer targets of hate. scapegoats for frustration. This is more than bullying and bigotry. It is

sick and requires strong medicine. : Some Germans ask themselves. wondering about the Nazi past, whether the desire to hurt, to hound and to kill is particularly German an evil trait deeply imbedded in the in-tional psyche. That question cannot be houstly answered and does not need to be. What is important is that the urge be blocked, reviled, punished - and Germans must do it.

The politicians have been too timid, too waffly in giving clear, symbolic leadership against these crimes. The public — some Germans say it themselves — has been too indifferent, lacking in civic spirit and what they call "civil courage." But the situation is bad for every-

body, inside and outside Germany, It will not fade away if we don't pay attention and the economy improves. This is a time for speaking out, before the monster grows.

O Flora Lewis.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: No Mean Poet LONDON - At Westminster Abbey

yesterday [Oct. 16] a sermon took place in memory of the late Poet Laureste, before a large congrega-tion, of which the Princess of Wales and two of her daughters formed part. Described as "a citizen of no mean city," the patriotism of Lord Tennyson was concentrated upon, as evidenced in his works by the deep nterest which he took in everything that related to the welfare of his native country. As a religious teacher, also, be was especially notable, and it was impossible to exaggerate the debt England owed to him, who in an age of doubt and unsettlement, had helped souls to ching to the higher faith.

1917: Austrian Mutiny

ROME - Grave mutinies have broken out in the Austrian fleet, leading to scenes of terrorism and bloodshed. The crews of several ships re-volted owing to the insufficiency

and bad quality of the food supplied and to the cruel treatment meted out to them by their officers. At Pola the mutinies spread to a tragic-extent. It was a case of sanguinary encounter between Austrian crews and those of a squadrilla of German submarines which are aiding the Austrian warships.

1942: Potomac Floods:

WASHINGTON — [From our New York edition:] Swirling flood waters of the Potomae and other rivers menaced sections of the national capital today, caused four deaths and wide destruction and left at least 2,000 people homeless in a large area of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. Acting upon reports that the flood here might be the gravest in Washington bistory. President Roosevelt toured the critical areas in and around this city and appealed to Army, Navy and District of Cofumbia authorities to take every precaution to protect the capital.

By A. M. Rosenthal

They Got It Wrong on the Chinese Hell

N EW YORK — In the inspiring sweep and profundi-ty of the great October Debates, I can see why the one moment that haunts me was lost, disappearing with lis is source on

It could not compete. It could not arouse the admiring chackle-chuckle Ross Perot gets when he covers his face with that Will Rogers mask. It could not make us purse our lips in criticism of Al Gore for daring to be serious or George Bush for putting his hand in his pocket. And we had to contribe the expression constitute. Was Bill Clinton. had so consider the engrossing question: Was Bill Clinton really sincere when he denied being a list and a traitor? Still, since that moment concerns the lives of 16 million to 20 million human creatures living in hell, it might be

worth the moment or two of attention it has not received. It happened in the first presidential debate. The issue was relations with Communist China. That touches inescapably on the export of products from slave labor camps, an official and central part of the Communist economy. Will Rogers just skipped the slave labor thing, folks. He did say that while the United States should not coxy up to tyrants, we should remember that China one day would become America's largest trading partner. Mr. Clinton and Mr. Bush did deal with the matter. Unfortunately,

both got it wrong. The governor has been strong and American in his condemnation of the Chinese Communists. His badge is Beijing's horror of his election. He has stood consistently with the democratic dissidents. Unlike Mr. Bush, he backs economic penalties to push Beijing into granting its

subjects a few social and political decencies.

But in the debate, Mr. Clinton said Beijing had finally agreed to stop sending America products of prison labor. because the administration was pushed into doing something about it." Mr. Bush swiftly accepted credit. In fact, an August "memorandum of understanding"

that is supposed to persuade Beijing not to export slave

labor goods to America is just a gimmick that Beijing can use to cover up the vast slave labor industry.

Among the people who think that are Chinese freedom lighters and members of Congress, both parties.

The "understanding" pretufies the whole vicious system by speaking only of "prison" labor as if it were all a matter of criminals decently convicted and decently kept. In reality Beijing exports goods ranging from shirts to diesel environs under in casure designed to be factories. diesel engines, made in camps designed to be factories. Manpower costs are zero. Political prisoners, criminals and people just rounded up are sentenced in kangaroo courts to expandable terms. They labor dawn to dark, beaten and starved to meet killing quotas. And when they are "released," millions are forced to remain on the site, continuing to work under virtually the same conditions; an evil mockery of "freedom."

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Representance Nancy Pelosi, the San Francisco Democrat and a perennial flower in the garden of congressional imman rights activists, states the moral truth: The very use of the term "prison labor" is a concession to Beijing. Then: Beijing can decide which small part of its gulag falls within even the "prison" definition. Conveniently, most of the gulag is listed by Beijing, straight face, not as prisons but "eform through labor" camps.

Exactly one member of the American customs service is permitted to be stationed in Beijing to look out for "prison" exports. Human rights or Red Cross groups remain barred from the camps.

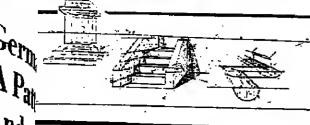
main barred from the camps. Most sickening of all: The memorandum contains no denunciation of slave labor, calls for no changes, reforms or regrets. Nothing — no drop of water for the turtured.

Washington may not be able to pressure Beijing to
climinate slave index. We will not know until we try the

economic penalties Congress and Governor Clinton sup-port, and which Bushbaker keeps veroing.

Until then I will buy shirts made elsewhere, where there is no chance they are woven with blood and tears. The New York Times.

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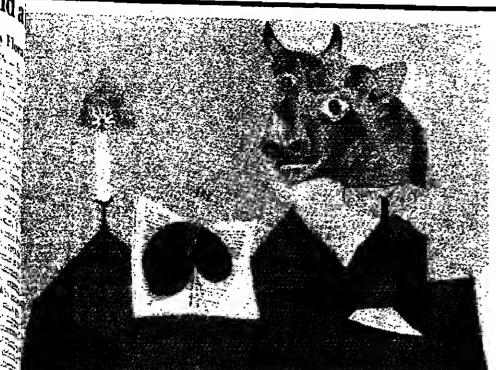
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Picasso's "Still Life With a Head of a Red Bull," done in 1938.

A Luminous Assemblage Of Picasso's Still Lifes

The diversity of

his work stands out

to a single category.

in a show devoted

By Michael Gibson International Herald Tribune

ARIS - "Picasso et les Choses" at the Grand Palais presents 69 years of Pablo Picasso's still-life painting, collage, as-semblage and sculpture, summed up in

Sixty-nine years! The scope is pretty breathtaking, and the thread provided by the relatively ocutral category of still life allows you to see with greater case both the versatility of the man and the continuity of stubborn purpose that drove him on. It is intriguing that an exhibition that can fairly

be described as small — Picasso is thought to have painted 6,000 works in oil alone - and that is restricted to a single subject should in some way afford a better perception of the truly monstrons scope of his ocuvre than a larger one might have. The first item of the exhibi-tion was painted in 1901, when

Picasso was 21 years old. Though not his first still-life painting, it was his first of some size and complexity. The last item was done on Oct. 27, 1969, when the artist was 88 and still had more than three years

Both are oils, and this medium is dominant in the selection, although both medium and manner in the intervening works can best be described as kaleidoscopic. Consider the media: oil, ink on paper, watercolor, plaster (a proto-Cubist apple). collage with bits of newspaper, charcoal, scraps of wood crudely nailed together, bronze (painted and unpainted), pencil, gouache, tin, wire, string, cloth, nails and screws, clay, ceramic fragments, stee WOOL COTTU sprinkling of sand.

The tremendous stylistic range is that of the artist's entire life, and its diversity stands out much more starkly in an exhibition like this one, where the equally impressive diversity of subject matter favored by Picasso has been set aside in favor of a single theme.

ICASSO'S choice of objects shifted sig-nificantly over the years. The word "choice" would no doubt have annoyed him. "The painter does not choose," he once told Françoise Gillot. "Shapes force themselves upon him. They sometimes arise out of a heredity that reaches further back than animal life.

.It's very mysterious and . . . terribly irritating." . Some of the earliest works include a porrón — a Spanish wine beaker with a spout extending diagonally upward, which art historians describe as phallic. Skulls make their appearance early on there are three dated 1907), but the most admirable and impressive one is the massive bronze piece executed in 1943. Tables loaded with fruit, bread, .cups, knives and forks, glasses and bowls are

during the Cubist period and remain a favorite

Skulls are quite frequent once again toward the end of World War II, shortly followed by such recurring matters as a supine cock with its throat slit alternating with the flayed heads or polished skulls of goats or rams.

There is undeniably a tradition of esoteric inter-pretation attached to still life that comes to us by way of the vanitas - the religious still life that stresses the vanity of earthly delights. But the key to such works cannot be expected to remain straightforward and univocal in Picasso's case. The point Picasso was mak-

ing in his comment to Gillot was that the artist himself cannot be sure of his motives. This being so, one may wonder at the questions raised, for instance, by some of his newspaper collages: Did Picasso trim the letters "jo" from the word "journal" with a view to suggesting the word "urinal"? If so, might not his treatment of such matters be compared to the wordplay favored by James Joyce? And in this case, should not even

trivial puns be regarded as essential factors in the innovative power of art? Such questions really seem to be more revealing of the mind-set and patterns of free association of

those asking them than of the presumed intentions N A sense, the subject matter gradually recodes as one advances through the exhibition and as the artist's protean, ever-chang-

real "subject" of these works - rather as the art of the variation might be regarded as the "subject" of certain works by Beethoven or Bach. Manner becomes the subject because this is the point we are increasingly.led to wonder at — and about. There is enough substance to provide the

lifework of 20 lesser men. But again, the questions cannot be answered by undertaking a formal study of these works. Indeed, it is all the less likely

to be answered in this way, and Picasso seems bent upon escaping from any definable form. No sooner has he set one up than he proceeds to demolish it and turns to something else, as though he were striving to suggest, sometimes in gentle rounded forms but more often in jagged, shattered ones, that this is no more than one way of approaching the central, enigmatic, magical nucleus of an aesthetic, sensual, intellectual experience that is illuminated by passion and shattered by

The exhibition, in Cleveland and Philadelphia earlier this year, is making its final stop in Paris, where it will be until Dec. 28.

Paris Market Encounters Heavy Seas

ARIS - Difficulties are mounting in the art mar-ket. Dealers, often strapped for cash, are being increasingly cautions and the collectors' approach is no longer one of unrestrained enthusiasm. Paris offered a rare occasion this week to measure the extent of the havor. The setting was Drouot, where the auctioneer Marc Ferri was briskly conducting the sale of a collection from an estate.

This was not specified in the catalogue, but professionals and other insiders were aware of it, which should have stimulated sales. The

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anction of an estate guarantees that the goods are not owned by a dealer playing tricks in the background. This time it made no difference.

The late René Loiseau had spent some time in Iran more than a quarter of a century ago. He had bought some pottery of the second and first millennium B.C. and bronzes from Lorestan.

larly well. A delightful vase in pale brown earthenware with seven stylized bulls perched on the shoulder was sold for 5,070 francs (\$1,015) to a Frankfurt dealer after some mild competition. Another vase in the form of a stylized bird in dark brown earthenware from the northwest dating from the third or sec-ond century B. C. (rather than the "eighth century B. C." put forward in the estalogue) was sold for 2,253 francs to a Paris collector bidding against the reserve.

HE Lorestan bronzes. which were not great, got a hukewarm reception. A Paris dealer, Michel Cohen, bought several at moderate prices - an ax head with typical arched profile and four spikes projecting from the cylindrical shaft, brought 3,380 francs. An exceedingly rare object, a Sasanian vase cast in a lead-and-tin alloy with vertical fluting, sold for 4,733 francs, paid by the Paris collector, outhidding the Frankfurt dealer. Only the two bidders fought over it. in contrast to last year, when others would almost certainly have joined the fray.

Most significantly, the market remained equally thin when it came to pottery and metalwork from Islamic Iran. The intensely speculative mood of recent years seemed to be a thing of the past. ::The most expensive wares were,

painted in golden luster obtained from copper, dating mostly from the 13th century. Prices stood at perhaps half the level of two or three years ago.

A 31-centimeter (12.5-inch) decanter was decorated in the very followed. Bidding was left largely sketchy, rather coarse, style that to dealers, which is unusual for sketchy, rather coarse, style that came to be known when a large group of vessels supposed to have been dug up near the city of Gorgan were published by Mehdi Babrami in 1949. It rose to 35,299 francs. A Paris professional bought several bowls, including one with two birds in a central roundel, for 21,230 francs.

Y CONTRAST, the next lot, a bowl decorated in the precise refined manner known from the pottery that came to light in Rey and Kashan earlier this century was sold for only 10,254 francs to the Paris collector mentioned earlier. When no allowance is made for aesthetic superiority and wares sell by category rather than by merit, as was clearly the case here, it is a sure sign that the market is weakening.



dealer Joseph Uzan.

A few lots down, a most attrac-

A few lots down, a most arrac-tive pink terra-cotta figure of a woman in long straight drapes, dat-ing from around 500 B. C., was the object of a bidding contest between Uzan and Clande Verité, another

dealer. Vérité got it for 5,040

francs. Later, it was back to Uzan,

who paid 5,408 francs for the well-

modeled figure of a seated women

in drapes probably daining from the second century B. C., and 37,463 francs for two headless feminine figures to semi-translucent alabas-

ter. These, Uzan said, are rare and

But several lots drew no bidding

served in metal vessels. An early

ewer of the ninth or 10th century

(dismissed in the catalogue as being

in the style of 10th-century Khor-

asan," a conventional way of char-

acterizing it as a fake) was mildly

disputed between the Paris collec-

tor and the Frankfurt dealer, who

won the day to the time of 14,647

over the 11th-century ewer from Khorasan that followed, rare for

the exquisite miniature duck in the

round perched on its handle (3,944

francs), and none at all over the

finest piece, a small circular dish

with a beautiful rosette and a calli-

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tall, narrow terra-cotta vase with

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of the market for Islamic objets at all. With pre-Columbian art d'art, which find very few private from Mexico and Pera, things dete-

buyers in the West, no such reason riorated further. True, many pieces

can explain the poor showing of were of limited interest. In better

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But there was little competition

Figure of seated woman probably dating from the second century B. C. sold for 5,408 francs and decanter decorated with golden luster from 13th-century Iran went for 35,299

francs.

opening known as an alabastron is days, these would have sold, with an early Corinthian piece dating from about 570 to 550 B.C. Rare some difficulty, to general antique dealers with a base in the flea marfor its figural scene painted in ket or on the Riviera. Now there is brown on creamy ground — three characters holding staffs — it was no one to pick up objects that go with the tourist trade. More disbought for 1,577 francs by the Paris turbingly, there was no one to pick up some of the more striking ob-

ects either. The most remarkable casualties were two copper masks with a crust green cuprite. The expert Jean Roudilloo says that masks of this type first came to light about 25 years ago in Peruvian sites near the Ecuadoran border. He dates them from the 12th century, give or take 100 years. With their white "paste" eyes, they are highly expressive. ter. The market is going through Yet, they were unsold as the hamber beavy seas. It is likely to stay that mer went down at 10,000 francs. way through the season.

ing exaggerated estimates, thought they were worth 12,000 to 15,000

Two whitish terra-cotta smti.ng heads from the Totonac culture in Mexico should also have found buyers. Catalogued as a single ioand estimated to be worth 10,000 francs or more, they were eventually offered separately. The better of the two drew a 4,000 franc bid. The auctioneer, in an attempt to pull it up, called out, "4.500 tranes," and as oo one topped his bid, was forced to buy it in. When the second head came up. again drawing a 4,000 franc bid, the auctioneer gladly brought down his hammer, this time, allowing the bidder to get his piece at 20 percent below the anticipated minimum level.

There is a lesson there that was repeated more forcefully still when the turn of Far Eastern art came The expert Thierry Portier though: that a very fine gray limestone fig-ure from China, probably dating from the 11th century, could set. for 40,000 frames. Months earlier. the estimate quoted to the truster; of the estate when the market had not deteriorated quite so cosible was higher still. A 34,000 frame bid came from the room, after which there was silence. The statue was

EN minutes later a Japanese lacquer casket estimated at 30,000 frame-got a 27,000 frame bis from a Japanese dealer and was also bought in, at 28,000 france The cover lot, a Ming vase in clossonné enamels, also failed to se!: Among the few exceptions that

did much better than expected was an incomplete Chinese screen missing four of its original 12 leaves The picturesque landscape in black and gold lacquer from 18th-century Canton went up to 55,033 francs. thanks to the intense demand for such pieces in the United States, It will shortly be leaving for New York.

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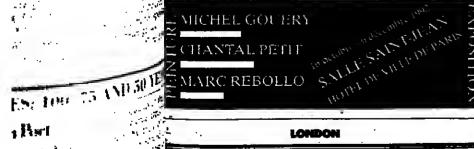
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No Jackets? Thinking the Unthinkable

International Herald Tribune

ARIS — The jacket is the lash-ion symbol of the century the breastplate in a modern woman's wardrobe. Can it,

could it, possibly be on its way out?

The news at these international collections is not about the dip and dive of

hemlines. It is about the drp and dive of hemlines. It is about what is going on above the belt as the jacket drains away, replaced by the fluid midcalf dress.

We saw the dress, drowned in hippie love beads, in Milan, given a sexy pushup by Gianni Versace and an ethnic trick of the dress. twist by Giorgio Armani. The dress ap-peared, soft, bias-cui, in dusty colors, in 'last weekend's London collections. And we are seeing it in Paris.

For dress, read also tunic, like the soft tops that Karl Lagerfeld put with long skirts in his Chloe show Wednesday. But mostly it is the dress worn on its own, from Comme des Garçons' slimline shapes in thick furnishing fabrics to John Galliano's wisps of bias-cut chif-fon and Helmut Lang's transparent fabrics sashed at the back.

Martin Margiela first gave rebirth to the 1970s dress — all bias cutting and bruised plum colors inspired by Biba boutique in Swinging London, when dropping out was an easy option. Now people are fighting to keep off the un-employment line, yet the international collections are filled with clothes that

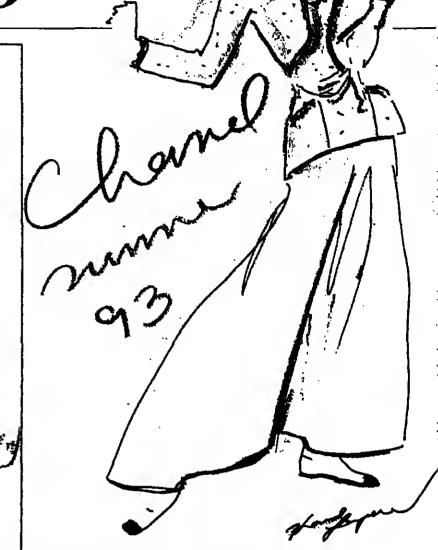
look like the world is going on a trip. The jacket survives for next summer in embryonic form as a sleevelss vest worn over bare skin, or as a cardigan shape so floppy that it could hardly stand up to a power breakfast. Can we really believe in a working world with-out jackets? Wearing just a dress for success? It is unthinkable. Or is it?

The whole attitude of woman dressing as a man is finished," says Giorgio Armani, king of the unstructured jacket.
"We have to find a new femininity and why not a dress, if it is pulled on like a long T-shirt and is out jolie madame?" Armani says that it is nearly 20 years

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Lagerfeld to the Rescue: Throwing Fashion a Life Belt

By Suzy Menkes

ARIS — Karl Lagerfeld stitched together fashion's generation gap, and
credibility gap, in the powerful but
light-handed collection, he sent out
Friday. It closed with models in black bodysuits mith transport in Black bodysuits with transparent inflatable life belts gy-rating round their hips — a fitting symbol for the airy transparency of the show and because Lagerfeld is viewed by retail bosses as the designer keeping high fashion afloat.

Rosemary Bravo, president of Saks Fifth Avenue, was gasping for breath and searching for superlatives.

"Amazing, fantastical, wonderful - the more this person has to do, the better he gets," she said, referring to fact that Lagerfeld had already sent his Chloe line out Wednesday, and has Chanel to follow on Monday.

This was wonderful and in a different mood from Chloe," said Hong Kong's fashion empress Joyce Ma. "Chloe was nostalgic, looking at the past, bere he is making his woman for

Lagerfeld did not invent anything new, but be gathered the threads of current fashion and wove them into comprehensible clothes. The silhouette was long and lean, but here was the new softness in crepe jackets or skinny chalkpale knits. Colors were meadow-sweet: peach

and nectarine, through sky blue and apple

Above all, Lagerfeld handled deftly the transparent fabrics that are appearing on all the Paris runways. He used layers of chiffon from waist to knees and then again to the ankle to blot out a precise hemline and offered all kinds of see-through fabrics from pretty lace to flower-printed chiffon. His imaginative versions of see-through included a spider's web of guipure lace, inset in a sinous black evening dress, and white oet as airy as a sports shirt over black leggings. All these creative ideas made transparency seem less like a peep show and more for real life.

Some of the below-the-belt effects were

weird: ehiffon shorts as an extra layer under regular-length wide chiffon pants. But you didn't really have to worry about the layers of lightness, because Lagerfeld's focus is still on jackets, an endangered species that he gave new life by making them in soft fabrics but still with a distinct silhouette. They were raised in the waist, fitted to the body with tucks and paneling, and with small shoulders and narrow sleeves. Even tough materials like leather be-

The jackets came either very long or waist short, and occasionally glimpses of flesh at a bared midriff subtly recalled hippie days, as

with a pale glaze.

came as soft as a kid glove, in fruity colors and

did the jacket alternative: a crepe tunic flowing over wide, soft pants.

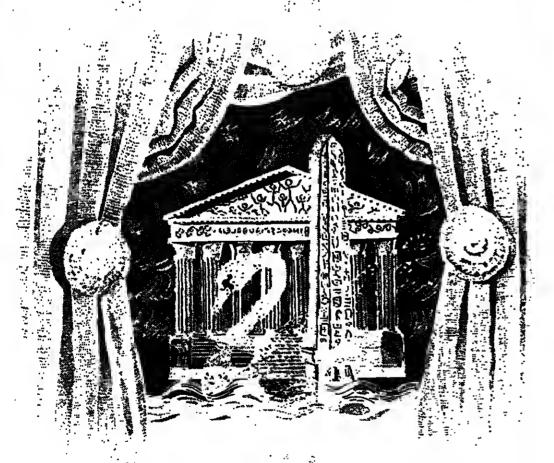
But there were come of the hippie bits and pieces that have smothered too many shows. Accessories, which included feminine ankle boots that went with almost everything for day and night, gave a modern look. Airy mesh floated round the head or made the brim of a hat that was left with only its crown.

Although many of the evening dresses, as earlier in the week at Chloe, were in prints reminiscent of British designer Ossic Clark in the 1960s, Lagerfeld mixed them io with modern stretch materials, putting a waft of ankle-

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Wear It, but Please Don't Call It Fashion In the Serious '90s, Statement Becomes the Message

By Alexander Lobrano

ARIS — Consider what might be the ideal profile for a designer of the '90s: A dolphin-loving, rainforest protecting, green-cotton using designer who underwrites several financially threadbare opera companies and stages benefits for Bosnian war victims.

Of course, this design paragon should also be the favorite designer of Madonna, Nancy Reagan, Princess Diana, Tina Brown and Jacqueline Onassis, and someone who just designed the wardrobe for two Hollywood blockbusters; whose clothing bogs the credit lines for the covers of the world's trendiest magazines.

But then he/she should also be devoted to a large, extended family that gathers often at an enor-mous 18th-century country estate when the designer is not in New York or Miami or London or Paris hobnobbing with best friends like Prince and Kevin Costner.

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to the bones, and you find many of the key promotional trends for the 90s so far - product-free and public service advertising; an ag-gressive return to "family values" in the for-public-consumption versions of many designers' pri-

There is also an attempt to speak directly to the consumer by bypass-ing the media altogether and producing one's own magazine or book or film; issues-oriented benefits for everything from AIDS research to reforestation; a focus on eternal style and quality as opposed to al-most anything to do with fashion, a word that many shun.

Perhaps the extreme in the cur-rent fashion to avoid fashion is the insistence of many designers that they do nothing to promote their images beyond the fact of creating clothing.

An example: When Jean-Louis Dumas-Hermes, president of Her-mes, was asked in a recent interview why his company's products had become status symbols, he re-plied, "Well, it certainly has noth-ing to do with us. We don't have a

policy of image, we have a policy of product." This is the basic idea behind the NN Studio, the two-year-old Milan boutique and design house that was launched by Carla Soz-zani and Douato Maino, former partners of Romeo Gigli. Eschew-

ing the star system, their manifes-to is that there should be NN, or No Names, and this is also the ame of their brand label. The image of not having a fash-

ion image has also been embraced by several of the more important Japanese designers, including Rei Kawakubo; a sample of her recent Comme des Garçons advertising was a photograph of two laughing twin girls wearing braces with not a thread of clothing in sight and only the brand name printed discreetly at the bottom of the page. Another script for '90s imagemaking reads that people are trou-bled by a variety of real-life issues, and this seriousness has made them embarrassed by or discreet about their vanity, with the result that they may claim to see fashion as frivolous. Some designers have tried to bridge the gap between

conscience and consumption by equating themselves and their product with a more enlightened view of the world, and with varying degrees of sincerity. The most controversial conss-raising promotion was the Benetton ad campaign, showing a variety of shocking images, claiming that its intent was to

make people think about the seri-ousness of the time we live in. The T-shirt as a public-address poster has also become a popular way for designers from Katharine Hamnett to Franco Moschino to convey their opinions about current affairs, with ecological themes proving to be particularly

Giorgio Bolognini, director of marketing for Moschino, said: Fashion designers have replaced movie stars as influential public figures. Some years ago, when Marlon Brando spoke out on be-half of the American Indians, it was big news, but today it's the opinions of the designers that are most amplified, especially for the young. So, considering the impact of advertising, we feel that it's im-portant to say important and use-ful things."

The latest Moschino ad campaign has been double-edged, with one set of ads commenting on world events and the other simple and rather straightforward prodIn publishing Giorgio Armani has been putting out Emporio Magazine since 1989, and all proceeds from its newsstand sales in Italy are donated to a hotline for child abuse. More recently, the successful Italian manufacturer MaxMara has produced a sleek magazine that showcases its clothing but also includes articles on

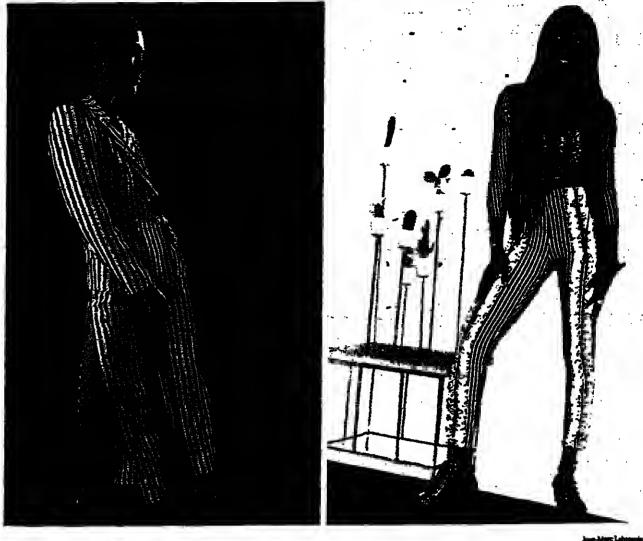
One of the more successful recent efforts by a name designer to communicate his identity through a publication is the just published "Pieces of a Pattern: Lacroix by Lacroix." In this attractively produced book the designer attempts to share with us the inner workings of his creative process by drawing and discussing people, places, art, fabric and clothing, among other things, that have influenced him.

Jacques Picart, presi-dent of Christian Lacroix, this book stands as a perfect statement of who the designer is "because image is always a reflection of the creative individual's creativity and creation. Christian's book is like an adolescent's journal. It's a very personal summary of five years of fashion and forty years of life."

For a major international designer like Giorgio Armani, the reality of image-making in the 90s is that it is a multifaceted, multimedia effort involving almost ev-ery form of promotion from un-derwriting television shows — Armani sponsored Earth Tech '92 a two-hour American public-television documentary on the issues on the agenda of the June Envi-ronmental summit in Rio de Janeiro — to the "speaking windows" at his AX store in Manhattan. This avant-garde display featured taped voices of a variety of real-life New Yorkers broadcast into

the street. Commenting on the role that designers play in modern life, Giorgio Armani said, "Fashion designers have increasingly become spokesmen on a variety of different issues and they have a responsibility to use ther influence intelligently. We should be aware of politics and important global issues, but it must be kept in per-spective. I would never pretend to be an authority on all of the issues troubling the world today; my concern is always basically per-

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A Parade of Stripes, the Stars of Spring

The battle for the hearts and legs of customers continues through the summer 1993 season. The long soft skirt is making a strong showing this fall, with shorts, rather than skirts, the brief alternative. Stretch fabrics are still the key to young design from dresses through leggings. Since

designers do not expect that women will be weaned easily from showing their legs, they offer split hemlines or open-side pants. Two looks in bold stripes from spring/summer collections: a split effect, left, from Lolita Lempicka's Lolita B line; and Gaultier Junior leggings.

New Names With Designs on the Kunway

By Pat McColl

ARIS - For a young fashion designer, a run-way show here is the film world's equivalent of selection for the Cannes festival. And, as at Cannes, the ultimate aim is to be seen.

Those seeking attention, along with the superstars, include a democratic mix of relative unknowns. This season, 82 names crowd the calendar of the Chambre Syndicale du Prêt-à-Porter des Couturiers et des Créateurs de Mode.

"We try to find a slot for every one," said Denise Dubois of the Chambre Syndicale. "This season, we have demands from Italy, Ja-

pan, England, Belgium and for the first time, Korea."

Whether designers show in the official tents in the courtyard of the Louvre or in tiny art galleries, fusty out-of-the-way cinemas and the aters, fashions for spring/summer 1993 are flowering all over town. How are the fresh green shoots

faring? For some, such as Corinne Cobson, who already presented their collections at the Salon du Prêt-à-Porter in September, an October runway show is an ego trip.

While Cobson showed her designs Tuesday in a hotel near the Louvre tents, ber business is basically booked, but, as she said: "As a designer, I need the satisfaction of putting the clothes together my way, of seeing them on models on .

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name, put on six shows before finding a backer. He financed his business by free-lancing and kept show expenses to a minimum. Even so, he estimates that each show costs him around \$50,000. (A runway show in one of the Louvre

Franck Sorbier, whose whimsi-

cally embroidered or hand-painted

jackets are beginning to make him a

tents can run up to \$500,000.)
Finally, Sorbier is on a firmer financial footing and for his show on Tuesday will have what he de-

scribes as "a real collection." Jean Colonna is one of the more successful of these newer names, making what he calls "strong but pure" clothes. Fake leather is a specialty. Like Sorbier, when he started showing in 1989, there were several seasons when no one bought.

"It all happened by word of mouth," he said, installed on a high stool in the bangar-like space where all the clothes are designed and made. No handy hotel show-rooms for Colonna; anyone who wants to see what he is all about has to trek out to a grim corner of the 20th arrondissement, climb two flights of metal stairs and tus-sle with a metal fire door. Behind the door: Colonna and his team. Although Jean-Luc Amsler's

first collection, shown six months

ago, was enthusiastically received it was never produced. "This time, things will be different," he said. Now, with financial backing and production facilities in place. Amsier, 28, was able to concentrate on his collection, shown Monday.

Jamaican-born André Walker's approach to spring is an unlikely mix of down-on-the-farm and outer space. Again, as with many of these younger designers — Walker is 27 — almost all the fabrics are stretch. He shows his third collection Wednesday.

Sophie Sitbon's fashion career started out too good to be true. Just out of the Esmod school of fashion in Paris, she was financed by a Japanese conglomerate, World Japon. That was seven years ago. Since then, the most enthusiastic of parent group to finance Sitbon but the new investors ultimately declared bankruptcy.

Currently, a refinanced Sitbon sells to nine American boutiques and six in France. For her spring collection, there are pretty ribbonembroidered jackets over long, slim skirts and ruffled party dresses with scooped-out décolletés.

Philadelphia-born John Speight isn't tempted by the runway. "A show? Wait until I have money." he said. "Selling from Europe to America is very expensive." With just two collections behind him, Speight already has Bended's as a client for his '60s-inspired sheath dresses. During the week of the shows. Speight has rented space at 255 Rue Saint-Honoré. "Cheaper than retired a pace at 255 Rue Saint-Honoré." than putting on a show," be said.

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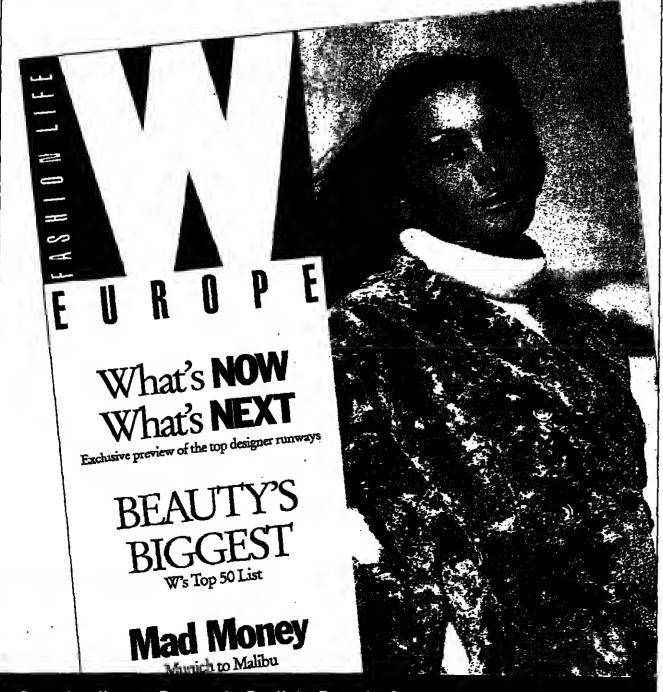
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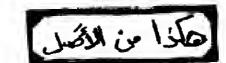
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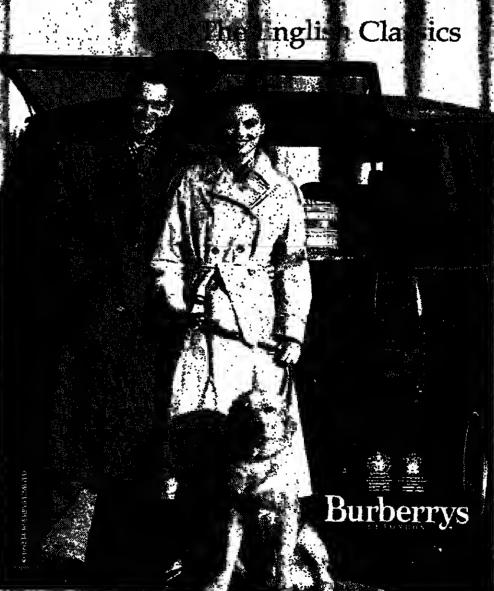


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The Sweet Smell of Ecology But Some Perfumers Turn Up Their Noses

The pendulum has

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discreet scents.

By Michèle Loyer

ARIS — "Atmosphère, atmosphère in the famous line delivered by Arietty in the movie "Hôtel du Nord," has become the motto of the perfume industry. In creating new fragrances, today's "noses" try to capture the vanescent yet pervasive mood of our time.

Like fashion, perfumes go in cycles. After a decade aggressive market-oriented "juices" whose prime haracteristic was their lasting power, the pendulum has swung toward "natural" and more discreet scents inspired by ecology.

Press releases read like Victorian poetry's glorifica-

tion of nature, replete with phrases such as "vegetal freshness, purity of water, glistening dew and gusts of wind." Perfume bottles, too, are shaped like delicate leaves with dewdrops on frosted glass surfaces (Par-fum d'Eté by Kenzo) or softly polished like pieces of driftwood (Shisheido's Féminité du Bois).

The fragrances try to render. more or less successfully, the smells of sea water, balmy winds or pungent grass that awaken childhood memories of bappy

"Our clients ask us to recreate the smells of the ocean, of the wind, of the sand. . . " said Jean Guichard, head of the perfume department of Givaudan-Roure Laboratories. "The market has been

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saturated for too long with gadgets and cheap scents.

Consumers are looking for natural fragrances." The emphasis on "nature" is a logical reaction against a world jaded with smells, sounds and colors.

Created in early 1992, "l'Eau d'Issey," by Issey Miyake, can be considered the culmination of the

ecological trend. Its unusual scent — fresh, green and slightly metallic — appeared revolutionary at the time. "I think we are just at the beginning of this ecological trend," said Jean-François Blayn, "nose" and their legs, the life spin has a perfumes. Unfortunately for the positive manufall as a profiled to prefumes.

their logs, the offer spin house applied to perfumes, does not strictly mean they are derived from natural products, rather that the basic derived from natural products, ramer unas moderal effect; of from Land molecules have been synthesized in the labs. "We send our noses to the country or the beach to

take note of the smells, then the chemists follow to analyze the basic components," said Jacques-Marie Decazes, head of Givandan's olfactory research deon the Run Decazes, partment.

With typical Japanese refinement, Shisheido's first fragrance, "Feminité du Bois" also reinterprets na-ture. This is a complex blend of cedarwood enhanced by plum, peach, cinnamon and vanilla. The bottle, a plum-red vial, has the soft curves of a piece of ariftwood and the elegance of ancient sake bottles. Yet, more than femininity, such abundant use of sweet and fruity essences evokes a certain regression to the secure world of mommy's fruit pies and home-made jams.

This desire to comply with the consumer's secret yearning sometimes leads "noses" — and marketing directors — to invent wild concections. Thierry Mugler's first perfume, Angel, presented in a luxuri-ous star-shaped bottle, includes ingredients such as "Chocolate, caramel, coffee and vanilla, aptly de-"scribed in the press release as "appetizing." Regardless of whether the new fragrances succeed in imitating nature or recalling childhood memories, the result is often disconcerting. Are these ezone and iodine, chocolate and peach smells really perfumes? asks Sabine Fabert, editor-in-chief of the trade magazine Cosmetic News. Ultimately, women will tire of their oddness and turn back to the more traditional scents that just smell wonderful without any ecological claims, she maintains.

This is an opinion echoed by many perfumers. Jean-François Laporte, founder of l'Artisan Parfumeur and later of Maître Parfumeur et Gantier boutiques, said, "Ecology is just another gimmick to boost the sales of perfumes. What consumers really want are perfumes with quality and originality. Women are becoming more knowledgeable and are tired of so-called international perfumes. The best-sellers are always the great classics." In January, Laporte will launch a new scent, Datura, a sophisticated blend of white flowers and

Catherine Disder, international director of per-

fumes for Dragoco Labs, said, "After the explosion of the 'natu-ral' perfumes, I think there will be a return to very feminine and sophisticated fragrances based on floral and woody notes, sexy without being 'sexual'."

Guerlain, the temple of French

perfumery, shows a healthy disdain for "trends" — whether ecological or culinary. "Guerlain has always tried to be different, to go against the rules of the time," said Bernard Fornas, the compa-

ny's international marketing director. "We are wary of marketing trends. Our strength is the quality of our ingredients and the way we blend them. When it was launched in 1979, Samsara was considered very unusual, yet it has been one of our best-sellers ever since."
Formas hopes that Guerlain's latest perfume, Heritage, the 323d perfume launched by the company since 1828, will appeal to women as well as to the men for whom it was created. Heritage is a fresh, woody and spicy composition with a touch of guerlinade, a subtle blend of vanilla and tonka bean—the signature of the

Jean Patou is one of the rare perfume makers that continues to use primarily natural products. One-third of the city of Grasse's jasmine crop and one-sixth of its roses go to Patou's labs to be distilled into the "most expensive perfume in the world," Joy, created in 1930 and still selling briskly, Today, with a younger and less affluent clientele in mind, Patou has launched a concoction of flowers and spices called Sublime.

It is also for a young clientele that Christian Dior has decided to reawaken an old-timer, Miss Dior, created in 1947 by the conturier at the same time he presented the fashion world with his revolutionary New Look. The perfume's formula, redolent of a

riew Look. The perfume's formula, redolent of a green floral and cypress, has remained the same.

"It was too sophisticated and complex to be copied by anyone and it is sail perfect for today's market orientation," says Eliane de la Béraudière, the company's director of public relations. Only the packaging has been recannoed, its bottle with the market and the company's director of public relations. ing has been revamped. Its bottle with the white satin bow and houndstooth pattern recalls an era when Parisian chic meant elegance rather than ecology, and going green was not yet the height of fashion.

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Fhad midcalf summer dresses in floral prints from Kenzo. A Red-Letter Day for French Fashion

International Herald Tribune

All the major designers are already on the map for France's national fashion day on April 29, 1993 — a project of Culture Minister Jack Lang. Thierry Mugler will show in his native Strasbourg. Saint Laurent in Marseille, Lacroix in Lille, Alala in Bordeaux while Chanel and Dior, along with Gaultier and Rykiel, will stay in Pans. The fashion happening will embrace museums, art foundations and street events.

The final decision about the dates for the Paris and Milan shows next September/October will be hammered out between Jacques Mouclier of the French

Chambre Syndicale and Beppe Modenese, the voice of Italian fashion, at a meeting on Wednesday.

• The Folies Bergère turns serious Monday as Isabella Rossellini, the Spanish film director Pedro Almodovar and singer Smead O'Connor — along with a host of fashion celebrities — walk tall in the "Balade de l'Amour," a benefit for AIDS research. Yves Saint Laurent will open his Wednesday show to

the paying public, with a second hunchtime presentation to raise money for relief in the former Yugoslavia. Italian designer Romeo Gigli has been cited as a Chevalier des Arts et des Lettres by Jack Lang in recognition of his artistic approach to fashion.

Hemlines: In U.S., A Vote for Choice

By Bernadine Morris

EW YORK -- Why are American women so concerned about hemlines? Europeans shake their heads in disbelief when faced with the rigidity of the typical American preoccupation with the length of skirts. Apparently oblivious to the intricacy of a new technique in shaping clothes or even a new development in fabnes, Americans will usually protest a change in hemlines.

Whether the hemline movement is up or down is not significant: It's the change itself that provokes the ire.

Well, it's true, retailers admit. Shoulder pads may come and go without causing much hysteria. Waistlines can be belted or left unmarked and necklines raised or lowered without causing a general stiffening of the spine. But do something about the hemline and the battle is joined. Customers be-gin to claim designers are out to get them, to drive them to the poorhouse, to make their ward-robes obsolete — and they snap their handbags shut,

They insist the new length makes them look too young or too old. They argue it's difficult to wear if their legs aren't perfect, if they're too tall or too short or if they're over 40 years old.

Their reasoning may be faulty, but their objections are real. What they are objecting to is the idea of change — and length is the most visible aspect of change — for all fashion develops as part of the tension between what is familiar and what is new, Retailers themselves are caught up in that uneasy pull between the known and the unknown. European women may well be more receptive to fashion turning on a dime; Americans are more suspicious. There is a long history to their complaints.

Those with long (ashion memo-ries recall women forming picket lines to protest Caristian Dior's New Look in 1947, refusing to put their legs under wraps. In 1970, their objections returned, this time protesting the demise of the mini-skirt. By the middle of the 1980s, the short poufed skirt of Christian Lacroix gave the mini another lease on life. The protesters then weren't so voluble, but even today, in certain areas of the country, like the Midwest, knees are not generally bared.

Still, in the past year, with most designers determined to lengthen

skirts, objections arose again. This time the sluggish economy was a strong factor, retailers feared. Women who didn't want to spend the money on new clothes said the longer skirts were unflattering or uncomfortable. If they thought the clothes were 100 expensive and did not want to admit it, they said they

were too long.
In comparison with European women, who are eager to pick up the latest style and wear it until fashion changes the next season, Americans own more clothes and keep them longer. They prefer to vary their outfits more frequently. Their fear that longer skirts will make their short clothes obsolete

is a real one. At a time when business is right. retailers are unwilling to offend anyone. So they are particularly pleased that a choice in hem lengths is available. Retailers with a strong presence at the European shows agree that the availability of choices in hem length can help head off the opposition.

"We believe in options," said Ellin Saltzman, fashion director of Bergdorf Goodman. "No one should feel pressured into any-

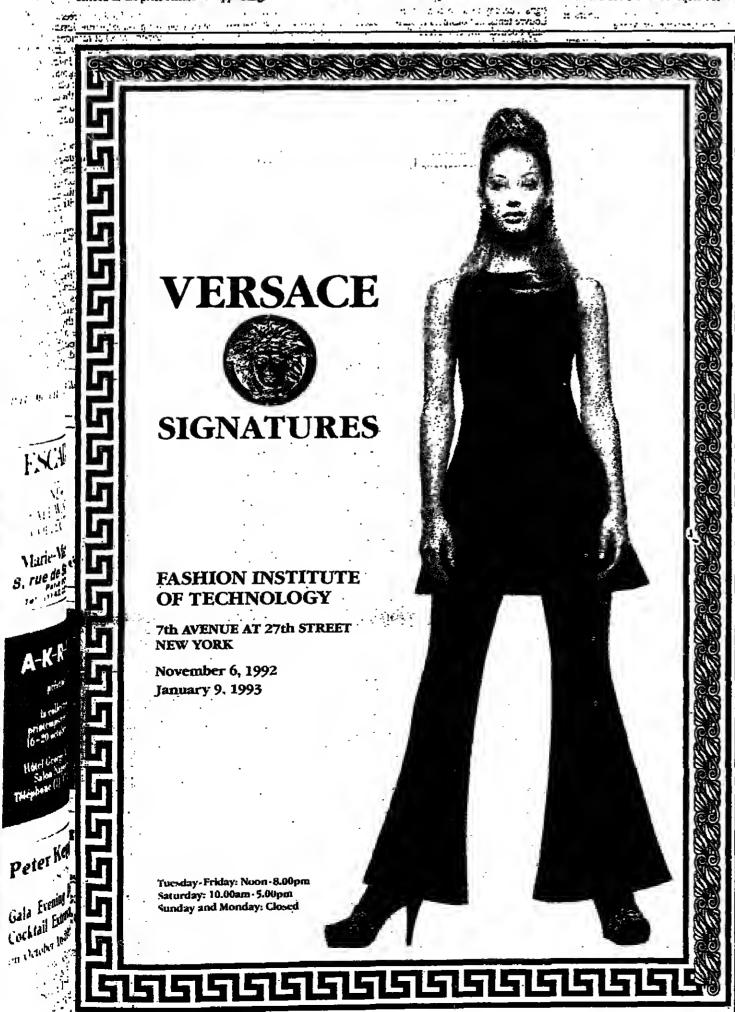
ALMAN Ruttenstein. the fashion director of Bloomingdale's, said, "We expect to be selling a lot of pants and long skirts this spring and have short ones available for women who want

Joan Kaner, the fashion direc-tor of Neiman-Marcus, also believes that fashion choices are beneficial. "The woman who did not buy a long skirt for fall will try one for spring because it's fun if she doesn't feel she has to because there's oothing else around," she said, "She won't wear it all the time — she'll change things around."

Joel Rath, the president of Holt. Renfrew in Toronto, indicated that the same attitude prevailed in

All this may be a sign that the fashion industry as a whole can hreak the jinx associated with hemline changes in the past. Women who would have insisted that short skirts were modern, comfortable and necessary for their mental health may be tempted to try something different — if they are not pushed too hard.

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U.S. Retail Trade Measures The Full-Figure Woman An Expanding Market for Large Sizes

By Cathy Horyn

ASHINGTON — Aside from Madonna taking off her clothes and the return of the push-up bra, this has been a rather uneventful year for American fashion. Retail sales are fitful. Long skirts aren't sweeping the streets. Personally, I'm still trying to figure out what feminist Susan Faludi has against push-up bras.

So, while leafing through a reprint from a magazine called Reusil Store Image, I came across this meany fact: According to the National Center for Health Statistics, the average American woman weighed 146 pounds (66 kilograms) in 1988, up seven pounds from 1976.

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"More women will enter the plus-size ranks as the population continues to age." Retail Store Image could not have put it more delicately. American women are getting fat.

While you're contemplating that croissant (12 grams of fat, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture), consider, too, that the national chest size is swelling: Playtex reported that its most common cup size had increased from 34B in the late '70s to 36B or C in the mid-80s, with oo signs of retrenching.

This is either good or bad news, depending on how you look at it, though I might as well point out bere that one of the physiological components of aging is shrinkage. So, while your cup size might sound impressive, it's not going to be much of a consolation when you're short and fat.

None of this, of course, is good oews for the fashion industry, or at least that segment of the business that holds up physical perfection as just one of many crosses to bear in the pursuit of oew clothes.

The international runways are still filled with fashions that demand a body beautiful, whether in transparent fabrics or elongated, skinny silhouettes. One could argue, in the advance of flab, that fitness and self-discipline will keep women in a perpetual state of atonement, but this assumes that the goal — to fit into the latest fashion — will always be the same.

. In any case, I seriously doubt that the majority of baby boomers, who constitute a sizable voting bloc at retail, are going to speed up their exercise bikes just so they can squeeze in a catsuit when they're 50.

Change of sentiment toward dieting in the United States. Although roughly one-third of American adults are overweight, the National Institutes of Health recently confirmed what many weight-loss professionals have known for some time: Diets do not work.

reductions, but even so, with a growing number of women rejecting the ootion that thin is better, a dieting backlash has emerged. In Huntington, West Yirginia, last spring, 50 women took their bathroom scales down to City Hall and smashed them on the pavement. Women are staging galas — "to Honor and Reclaim Women's Bodies and Appetites." In April, the executive director of the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance told The New York Times that the anti-dieting movement has helped women to realize their self-worth and "become activists against the bias against them."

If this sounds like a feminist battle cry—"I'm busting out of my girdle and I'm not going to take it anymore"—there's surely a connection to be made between self-esteem and political self-awareness. This is, after all, the Year of the Woman, and as trite as that may seem, more attention is being paid to women who are running for political office than to what Hillary Clinton should or should not wear to the Inangural Ball if her busband gets elected.

While the French, in particular, may express Gallic consternation at this attempt to separate physical appearance from self-esteem (beauty is power, as Camille Paglia, the author of "Sexual Personae: Art and Decadence from Nefertiti to Emily Dickinson," has been telling us), there is a sense in America today that women are much less motivated to shed those pesky 10 pounds if the difference between size 12 and size 14 is a personal crisis.

On the other hand, fashion seems to abhor a vacuum. If 10 years ago the plumpish seeker of fashion had ventured into a department store for a dress, she would have been seet to the basement for something approximating a tent.

TIH pirying contempt, designers dismissed the 14-plus customer on the grounds that she was potentially bad for their images, and therefore bad for business.

As perhaps befits that indifferent era, Oscar de la Renta made what was then considered a delicious comeback to a fat lady's cheeky inquiry: "Madam, I am not in the upbolstery business."

Well, Madam and her 48 million sisters are

They will spend more than \$15 billion this year on fashion, up from \$2 billion in 1980, making the large-size clothing market one of the fastest growing segments of the American apparel industry. They have spawned whole businesses — The Forgotten Woman, Elisabeth and United Retail Group, which controls 450 plus-size shops in the United States. And they are persuading an increasing oumber of designers, among them Geoffrey Beene, Arnold Scaasi, Bob Mackie, Pauline Trigère and even Oscar, that big women will spend money on fashion if it fits.

Strange as it may seem, the "full-figure gal" may just be the kind of woman the fashioo industry has occided all along.

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A Leg Up on Glamour

Hollywood glamour is fashion's flip side to the back-to-nature ecological movement. Vivienne Westwood, who shows Sunday night, was one of the first designers to pick up on the club scene's return to dressing up.

Carmine red lips, skinny skirts and platform soles may seem like a retro fashion movement. But the updated version of the 1940s pin-up is dependent on modern fabrics of the 1990s. It is not just that long skirts stretch or split open. Fancy hose, even for the summer months, have been given impetus by the wearing of Lycra leggings year-round.

Westwood's hosiery line for London's Sock Shop shows the importance of accessories in polishing up fashion's new look. Among her legwear fantasies are cross-cultural references to rococo and pagan motifs found in

Westwood's hosiery line for London's Sock Shop shows the importance of accessories in polishing up fashion's new look. Among her legwear fantasies are cross-cultural references to rococo and pagan motifs found in her collections. Other designers with a focus on fashion hosiery include Donna Karan in New York and Christian Lacroix, who has a range of decorative legwear with Le Bourget. Although many of the leg coverings are relatively heavy and boldly patterned, there are also delicate lacy patterns.

Lagerfeld to the Rescue

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length dress, unbuttoned, over a white bodysuit or inserting dainty lace panels into a slim stretch dress. The designer says that he believes that research into new materials and playing with them is "fashion's way toto the future."

You can only grasp the breadth of Lagerfeld's vision when you see other shows where designers, however strong, are stuck in one particular mode.

The blind alley into which the black-clad fashion crowd was jammed on the way to Martin Margiela's show seemed symbolic of the entire avant-garde fashion movement. The destruction of the silhouette, the somber colors and recycling of bits of old clothes may reflect accurately the despair and nihilism that many people feel about the world. But where is it leading fashion?

Margiela was the first to pick up on the 1970s look with his bias-cut long skirts, platform shoes and shrunken knits. There is oo doubt that be has had an ectoplasmic effect on fashion. But his statements this season seemed to be a buckle round the big toe, eyeglasses drawn oo the face, and the fact that the all-black garments in the show were replicated in all-white at another presentation round the corner. The disorganized entry scenes, to a broken-down shed with crumbling roof, where models waved sparklers around in the dark

while all the doors were locked from the inside, were a disgrace.

Givenchy deals in the fashion certainties that many women still find reassuring. There are cardigan Jackets for cool spring days, cropped pants and bare midriffs for vacations, smart dresses, casual dresses and things to go out in the evening. Givenchy had sent a breath of youthfulness through the show, opening with his famous Bettina blouse, first designed in the 1950s, worn with jeans.

The main statements of the show were the soft midealf culottes, with which Givenchy dealt prettily with the long-skirt business, and dresses. They came neat in navy and white with a pleated skirt; loose and puff-sleeved in a bold ethnic print; layered like the petals of a flower. A beautifully cut column of pimiento red crepe was the ultimate progression of this stately show.

Le tout Paris turned out at the Plaza Athènée for hairdresser Monsieur Alexandre, who received the Legion of Honor in front of an audience that included Marie-Hélène de Rothschild and Lucienne Saint Laurent, wearing a perky cocktail hat.

"Alexandre is part of Paris fashion," she said, "I can't imagine my son's show without

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Is It Bye-Bye to Jackets?

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since he first started to take the stuffing and the stuffiness out of the jacket "to find the body that moved beneath the tailored chest." His deconstruction work for both men and women is oow part of fashioo history, and Armani does not envisage dumping the jacket. "It's a woman's armor," he says. "The jacket as part of a mannish suit is outmoded, but

as part of a mannish suit is outmoded, but there are ways of using a classic jacket in a different way."

The jacket started its long fashion life at the turn of the last century when Redfern and Doucet made the "costume." a curvy jacket and skirt with an S-bend silhouette, the centerpiece of the Edwardian wardrobe. Chanel in the 1920s, borrowing from menswear, made the easy cardigan jacket in jersey and supple tweed. Dior sculpted it back to an Edwardian silhouette with his 1947 New Look. And Yves Saint Laurent, in the 1960s, cut the mannish jacket on straight lines from a powerful shoulder as women challenged men. It remains the backbone of our wardrobes.

But all the designers who have been in the forefroot over the last decade have been tilting at fashion's tough carapace, Armani kept the silhouette but softened the construction; Karl Lagerfeld has jousted with huodreds of different jacket shapes for Chanel; Christian Lacroix threw a curve; Yohji Yamamoto narrowed the silhouette; so did Romeo Gigli, introducing a sleoder, fragile high-buttoned shape that has become the new look for the

1990s. Other designers, like Rei Kawakubo, angry at woman's lot, have torn into the silhouette, literally shredding the fabric, turning seams inside out or leaving edges raw.

Where, after all, can the jacket go? Its crowning moment was when everything else disappeared — pants reduced to leggings, skirts abbreviated. Only the jacket reigned supreme in every woman's wardrobe. It opractical terms, closets are stuffed with jackets, so who oceds more? And psychologically, the jacket oow sides with the Establishment.

"What we sell is very avant-garde," says Barbara Weiser of Charivari. "We find that women are looking for a more feminine silhouette and jacket sales are weaker because for the moment people are looking to alternatives. The jacket that looks most interesting is long, lean and cut close to the body, and for that, ribbed knitwear or a tunie would do."

Weiser says that what is not selling so well this season is the menswear pin-striped pantssuit look that high fashion pushed forward. "But a world without inchest? I can't impo-

"But a world without jackets? I can't imagine it," admits Weiser.

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But then, could our Victorian sisters with their smelling salts and their crinoline dresses have imagined women suited to take on men in the workplace? Or that women 100 years oo might have reached such a powerful positioo in society that they might choose to take off their fashion armor and wear a soft, feminine dress—because they had nothing left to prove?

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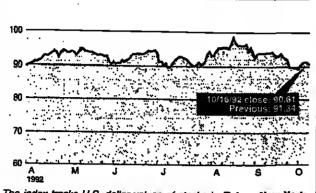


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Amato Eases Italy's Austerity Move Hurts Hopes for Leading Role in EC

By Allen Cowell New York Times Service ROME - As European Community leaders met in Birmingham, Italy's dream of a place among the senior Community players came under renewed challenge when the government on Friday softened the austerity measures that had been depict-

ed here as a ticket to European

Without radical cuts in the wide gap between government spending and income, Italy has no chance of gaining prominence in what many Europeans suspect is turning into a "two-speed" Europe — with some powerful economies linked to Germany's heading for integration more swiftly than laggards such as Italy and Britain.

To meet the criteria, Prime Minister Giuliano Amato — one of the 12 leaders in Birmingham on Friday — has gambled his four-party coalition's future on a package of increased taxes and reductions in social services to save more than \$70 billion in next year's budget.

But, even as Community lead-

ers met, Mr. Amato's government announced that it was softening its initial proposals for cuts in health-care spending, bowing to a clamor from a fractious parliament due to vote on the 1993 budget next Tuesday.

Government officials argue that Mr. Amato's savings are not being diluted, because cuts will be made in other areas to make up for concessions on health care and pensions. But that contention is disputed.

"The more the budget is diminished and corrected, the greater the imminent oeed for an cmergeocy measures," said Gianni Agnelli, head of Fiat SpA, Italy's biggest private cor-poration, in Milan on Friday. In some ways, the debate touches on a far wider issue. For much of this summer, as the Enropean Community has agonized over its future, Italy has been conducting an equally troubled debate over the question of

where it is going.
With demonstrations on the streets of Rome and strikes across the nation, some commentators have concluded that the answer is: backwards — toward the so-called "years of lead" of the late 1970s when the nation terrorism before the boom that

economy in the 1980s.
"Suddenly the climate bas gone back to that of the early "70s," the respected business weekly Il Mondo said recently. Throughout the country, the la-

built the world's fifth biggest

Without cutting spending, Italy cannot star in what may be becoming a 'two-speed' Europe.

bor-union grassroots seems to have chosen confrontation of the hardest kind on the streets."

In recent weeks, stoppages have halted airline flights, closed schools and left public buildings shottered, representing the high-est watermark yet from a tide of unhappiness with the austerity proposals. More strikes by shopteepers and others are planned

It was after a widespread, four-hour strike by millions of people last Tuesday that the government announced a retreat from its proposal to cut back severely on Italy's generous state pension program.

frozen next year. This is no longer the case," said a senior legislator, Angelo Tiraboschi, a member of Mr. Amato's Socialist Party.

The decision to allow an inflation-linked increase in retirees' pensions next year will cost the government \$2.8 billion, parliamentary officials said, a shortfall expected to be financed in part by reducing Italian aid to lessdeveloped nations.

And after vocal complaints from opposition parties and the labor unions, the government announced further concessions Friday, changing the proposed lev-els of annual earnings that qualify families and individuals for free health care.

Initially, the government had said that any family or individual earning more than the equivalent of \$34,000 a year would no longer be entitled to free health care. But a compromise announced in parliament Friday lowered the ceiling for single people, raised it on a sliding scale for families and lev-ied small tax increases supposed to finance the increased cost. The austerity effort reflects lt-

aly's ambiguous relationship with the rest of the Community. As Mr. Amato and other political leaders routinely assert, the nation is as "European" in its aspirations toward economic and political union as the most fervent supporters of the ideal.

Yet, no other West European country has been so proligate in running op domestic debt to fi-nance political largesse as Italy, and no other feels the same need for economic prescriptions from the Community to convince its people that, finally, the designer belt oeeds tightening.

"It means persuading people to accept an abrupt drop in their standards of living, their whole way of life," said Luccio Colletti, a leading leftist philosopher.

Pratt Cuts U.S. Trade Gap. Bulges as Slump Slashes Exports 4,800 More Jobs **Engine Orders Hit**

By Airline Slump

EAST HARTFORD, Connecticut - Pratt & Whitney said Friday was released by the government Friit planned to eliminate an additional 4,800 jobs by next June, on top of 2,400 already cut this year, as the imping airline industry ears further into its jet-engine business.

The caus represent a big accelera-tion of the company's plans to trim its work force, which totaled about 44,400 at the start of the year.
Pratt & Whitney, part of United

Technologies Corp., announced in January it would eliminate 5,000 jobs by 1995. The latest action boosts that total to 7,200, and moves up the target date to the middle of 1993, said a company spokesman, Curtis Linke. "Bankrupt airlines, 100 much ca-

pacity and the resulting fare wars are dragging down airline profits," said James G. O'Connor. Pratt's president, in a letter to employees. Mr. O'Connor said the compaoy's manufacturing volume would drop by 21 percent over the next year, while spare-parts volume remains about 25 percent below 1990 levels, because of declining orders for commercial-aircraft engines. Combined 1993 aircraft production by Boeing Co. and McDonnell Douglas Corp. will drop to 632 planes from 801, he said.

"It is a significant cut," said Phil Friedman, an analyst at Morgan Stanley. "The spare-parts market has weakened significantly." No additional reserves will be required to fund the increase in

layoffs, the company said. United Technologies stock elosed 37.5 cents higher at \$46.875.

Mr. O'Connor said he expected an upswing in business in 1994.
(AP, Bloomberg) By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribute

NEW YORK — Further evidence of another U.S. economic stall day in trade and industrial-production statistics that showed the effects of weak demand in both domestic and foreign markets.

Exports, hailed by President George Bush as a principal prop to the economy during the presiden-tial debate Thursday night, record-ed their sharpest plunge in five years. The drop of 6.1 percent in August was the major contribution to a trade deficit of \$9 billion, the widest gap since November 1990, when the onset of the U.S. recession began to narrow the gap.

The data, which arrived just before a new round of negotiations in the world trade talks aimed at breaking an impasse between the United States and the European Community, pointed to the importance of trade in resuscitating the U.S. economy.

"Global recession is weakening U.S. growth, and weakness in overseas economies suggests that trade will continue to be a drain on ecooomic growth," said Edward Yar-deni, economist at C.J. Lawrence. Robert Hormats, vice president of Goldman Sachs loternational

and a former economie policymaker in Washington, said, "The recovery is dead in the water, and any American recovery program is go-ing to have to be achieved in conjunction with other countries."

Major export sectors cootracted - automobiles by \$236 million, chemicals by \$227 million, tobacco by \$162 million and pharmaceuticals by \$110 million - contributing to a total decline in exports of \$2.3 billion in August. That drop

Balance of Trade JAIPPORT EXPORTS Deficit is the excess of implifit over exports. Amounts in util billions of dollars, seesone

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far outweighed a \$600 million de cline in imports.

Source. Commerce Department

lo September, meanwhile, indus trial production dipped 0.2 per-cent, the third decline in tou: months. Capacity unlizating of the tories, the mirror-image of the pro-duction figure, fell three-tentified, point to 78.4 percent, or below the levels last year at this time, where the economy was starting to hear into a double dip recession. The output declines affected

most categories except utilities which were up at the start of au tumn, and a minuscule 0.1 percen rise in consumer-goods production That rise was unlikely to be sus tained, as consumers stop eating into savings as they did this au tumn, and confidence continues to

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ECONOMIC SCENE

British Coal: When Market May Not Have All Answers

By Penny MacRae

ONDON -- A British government decision to shut more than half the state's coal mines with the loss of 30,000 jobs has drawn heavy fire from critics, who say it amounts to sacrificing national energy security and social priorities on the altar of free-market economics.

Britain has half of Western Europe's coal reserves and they "are just being thrown away," said Malcohn Edwards, former commercial director of British Coal.

But supporters of the Conservative government say the shutdown of 31 of state-owned British Coal's 50 pits is no more than belated recognition that "King Coal," which has powered Britain since 'Just throwing away a

major resource seems

short-sighted.'

the industrial revolution 250 years ago, is uneconomic and environmentally damaging. British Coal, which is to be privatized next year, defended the country's biggest round of

Cross Rates

layoffs for years, saying it reflected "an urgent need to bring supply and demand back into balance." Coal-fired electricity generating stations currently have at least a year's worth of coal in stockpiles and there is another six months'

worth of coal piled up at pitheads, the government says. But some analysts say Britain is squandering a strategic resource "Just throwing away a major resource because it doesn't fit at the moment seems short-sighted," said Steve Thomas of the University of Sussex. "Nobody anticipated the 1973 oil shock or the oil price plummet in the mid-'80s. What people believe today about the energy market could be 100 percent wrong tomorrow."

British Coal is more efficient than Western Europe's two other big producers, but unlike Germany and Spain, it gets no direct subsidies.

The company also has two big handicaps. Its coal is 2,000 to 3,000 feet (600 to 1,000 meters) underground and costs much more to mine than open-cast coal from places like Australia. British coal also has a higher content of sulfur, a cause of acid rain.

British Coal "cannot hope to compete on equal terms within the liberalized market," the government said. And there's the rub.

The government's privatization of the energy sector has decimated British Coal's market. The country's electricity generators have

been buying more foreign coal and switching to natural gas since they were privatized in 1990.

U.K. Miners Win Reprieve in Court

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LONDON - Miners who were to lose their jobs Friday received a last-minote reprieve when a judge delayed until next week a decisi on their challenge to British Coal's plans to close 31 of the country's 50 working mines and put thousands out of work.

The closures would add another 30,000 people to Britain's unemployment lines. The jobless rate rose to 10.1 percent in September, the worst rate since June 1987. Justice John Vinclott of the High Court adjourned until Tuesday a

hearing on the miners' argument that the state-run company had broken laws requiring it to consult with them before ordering the British Coal said it would not send out dismissal notices to

workers at six pits slated for early closure until next Friday. Despite the reprieve, the company said that production at two pits in the Midlands had already ceased and that two more would begin shutting down immediately.

The miners' lawyer, Mark Stephens, said the adjournment gave the 3,700 men he represents another week of employment, and would give Parliament, which reopens next week, an opportunity to discuss

the plan.

"Mining communities across the valleys and dales of this country are holding their breaths," he said. "British Coal is not going to be shutting down these pits immediately. All the options are still open." John Hendy, lawyer for the National Union of Mineworkers and the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shot-firers, said their case was "short and simple." They claim British Coal was in breach of mine review procedures, European directives

and the 1975 Employment Protection Act, which require consults. tion with employees and their trade-union representative The government, however, remained firm, insisting that the mines must close because of competition from subsidized nuclear plants

and environmentally friendly natural gas.

"Nothing is going to change the basic underlying economics of this," said the Conservative Party chairman, Norman Fowler. Mining union leaders have called for demonstrations. Arthur Scargill of the National Union of Mineworkers won backing Thursday to ballot miners over strike action but stopped short of naming a

date for the vote, boping to win mass public support instead.

British Coal has warmed those losing their jobs that any disruptive industrial action will cost them their severance pay.

Reports that the decision to close the mines had been made without the full approval of Prime Minister John Major's cabinet

added fresh fuel to a growing political storm over the issue.

"I knew there was a problem, but I didn't know what the solution was going to be," Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd told the BBC.

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Asia and Europe Put Off a Trade Heyday By Laurence Zuckerman

International Herald Tribone
HONG KONG — After two

days in which the specter of a restrictive European trade bloc was darkly referred to again and again, André Billardon, France's minister in charge of energy, concluded the first Europe/East Asia Economic Forum on Friday with a strong de-

fense of the European Commu "Fortress Europe is a myth," he told the nearly 400 Asian and European politicians and business executives assembled by the Geneva-

based World Economic Forum. The degree of openness of the European Community is many times more than that of either Japan or the United States, Mr. Bilhardon added, accusing Japan of having the most restrictive nontar-

iff barriers in the world. Mr. Billardon appeared as a lastminute replacement for the industry and foreign trade minister Dominique Stranss-Kahn, who was forced to cancel his appearance be-

cause of negotiations with the United States to conclude the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. But Lord Norman Tebbit, one of

the chairmon of the conference said Mr. Billardon's views reflected those of the French government.

The strong words were a fitting conclusion to the two-day conference that was designed to promote understanding between what its or-ganizer described as the third and weakest leg of the global trading triangle made up of Europe, North America and East Asia.

But despite trade and investment links between Europe and Asia that have quickly gathered pace in the last decade, representatives of the two regions found little common ground beyond the mouthing of picties about the benefits of free irade and the inevitability of economic globalization. Lorenz Schomerus, director-gen-

eral of Germany's Ministry of the Economy and its chief negotia-tor in the Uruguay Round, said: "What we need among the major partners are more than just trade rules. We need common principles of competition." The gulf between the two regions

was best illustrated by the treatment of representatives of the countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, who came to the conference eager to tap the

The Last Taipan Retires in Hong Kong

pants admitted that for the mo-

ment at least they were preoccu-

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"There are so many opportuni-

own booming region.

HONG KONG — Lord Lawrence Kadoorie, "This is a completely logical, mature and typically Kadoorie maneuver," said John Mulcahy, an LAST OF HOME INDUS nates, will retire at the end of the year as chairman of China Light & Power Co., a post he first took up

57 years ago, the company announced Friday.

Lord Kadoorie will be succeeded by Sir Sidney Gordon, who has been deputy chairman since 1971. That post will be abolished and Lord Ka-doorie's son, Michael, will become senior vice

chairman and Sir Piers Jacobs, formerly the colooy's financial secretary, will become vice chairman. Sir William Stones, the longtime chief executive, also will retire, to be replaced by Ross Savers, 51, former chairman and chief executive of the State

Rail Anthority of New South Wales, Australia. Analysts said the shifts were unlikely to result in immediate changes for the conservatively managed company, which supplies 75 percent of the coloanalyst at Percerine Brokerage Ltd. "He may be 93 years old but there is absolutely nothing wrong with his faculties."

He said it was not a surprise that Michael Kadoorie, who has been a director of the company for many years, was not named to succeed his father because he is known to be more interested in his post as chairman of Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, which owns the famous Peninsula Hotel.

The statement also said that Lord Kadoorie would continue as a director while Sir William would remain as chairman of Hong Kong Nuclear Investment Co., the wholly owned unit that holds the company's 25 percent interest in China's first commercial ouclear power plant.

Under the leadership of Lord Kadoorie and Sir William, the company has forged close relations

said Peter Woo, chairman of Hor

Kong-based World Internation (Holdings) Ltd. and Wharf (Holdings) Ltd. "To go into Eastern E

resources of the one region that is growing in the face of what would otherwise be a worldwide economie

But high-ranking officials from Czechoslovakia, Potand and Rus-sia were virtually ignored by the conference's Asian participants. At a working session devoted to Cen-tral and Eastern Europe, only two of the 30 or so participants were from East Asia.

"From the level of self-praise we have heard, we get the impression that this is a very narcissistic re-gion," said Lubomir Dolgos, minister for administration and privatization of national property of the Slovak Republic. "It is carried away by the notion of its own success and that is what stands in the way of more sober calculations."

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AND HOUSING COMPLEX

La Companie Touristique Arabe (CTA) proposes to sell an unfinished housing and touristic Complex at Gammarth in the northern suburbs of Tunis consisting mainly of two lots.

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possible use of a casino. An appart hotel of 136 flats ie 450 beds, A leisure center consisting of a swimming pool and various sport and leisure amenitles

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The parties interested in this tender can get the file at the head office of CTA at 12 Rue de Hollande - 1000 TUNIS, as of October the 1st 1992.

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Latest date for receipt of tenders is fixed for January the 16th 1993, postage stamp being franked. Tender parties can get confirmation of the arrival of their proposals by sending fax through fax no 342 407.

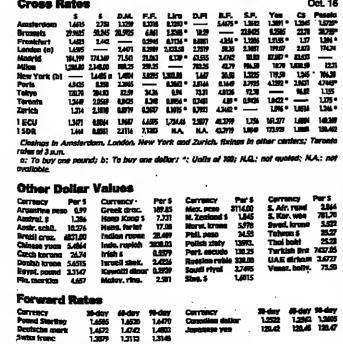


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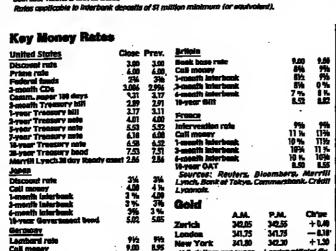
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Dollar Up on Mark But Weak vs. Yen

NEW YORK - A cut in British interest rates and speculation that Germany could follow suit sent Friday, but the U.S. currency fell against the even stronger yen.

The yen also benefited from the

Foreign Exchange

it got a lift against the dollar be-. canse of weak U.S. trade figures. The dollar rose more than 2 pfennig to 1.4804 Deutsche marks, from 1.4542 DM on Thursday. It also advanced to 1.3225 Swiss francs and 5.0295 French francs from 1_3000 and 4.9390.

The U.S. currency eased to 119.50 yen, bowever, from 120.25. \$1.6950, and to 2.4404 DM from The dollar dipped early in New 2.4654 DM. The pound also fell to York on the news that the U.S. trade gap widened sharply to 59 billion in August from \$7.3 billion in July, traders said. The gap was far larger than the \$7.7 billion deficit expensives are said. cit economists expected, and much

of it was with Japan.
The dollar quickly moved higher against European currencies, how-Bank of England's decision to cut 1.4730 DM, up from 1.4530 on interest rates to 8 percent from 9 Thursday. It eased to 119.70 year ever, as investors seized on the percent as a harbinger of lower from 120.45.

"It's an interest-rate play," said Bryan O'Rorke, B trader at Sumitomo Trust & Banking. "People feel that maybe the next move is for money flowing into the dollar on the Germans to cut their interest rates."

in Europe into 1993, traders said.

"What was important was the perception that with a Clinton victory there would be an expansion." said Joe Cambria, B trader at Ban-

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It tombled to \$1.6485 from

European currencies in London earlier, propelled by the British rate cut and speculation about a possible realignment of European cur-

(Continued from first finance page) pay it back in the current one," said

sentiment showed a decline in October to 73.2 from 75.6 last month. litical uncertainties mounting, he The drop was sharpest in the compooent covering current conditions, which fell to 83.7 from 88.3.

The figures reinforced deepening gloom in the stock market, where the Dow Jones industrial average fell about 20 points in morning

N.Y. Stocks

trading before recovering somewhat to close just 0.27 point lower et 3,174.41. The dollar rallied, but that was stributed to hopes of cuts in European interest rates.

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may eventually pull the British economy out of the mud, they drove the pound lower.

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(Bloomberg, Reuters)

SLUMP: U.S. Exports Are a Victim

am Kahan of Fuji Securities. But with both economic and po-

spite falling interest rates, capital investment has lost its vitality and a third-quarter spurt in automobile purchases is likely to ease off, lead-ing to lower production in order to cut inventories. That will reduce overall demand from the nation's largest industry and, thus, in the economy as a whole, he said.

■ Wall Street Recovers

On Wall Street, stock prices recovered from their lows oo com-The European interest rates.

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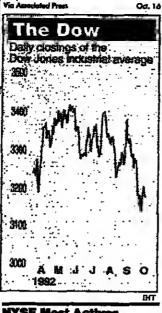
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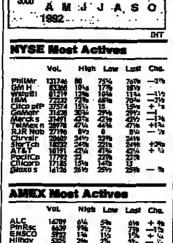
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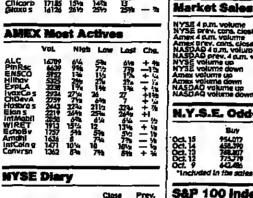
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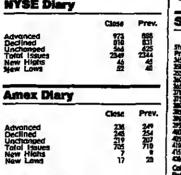
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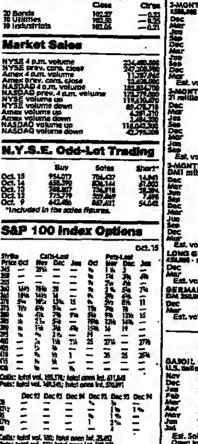




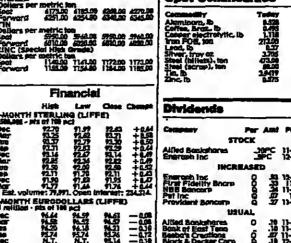


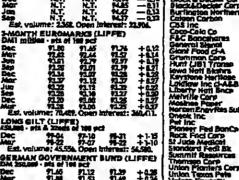


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U.S./AT THE CLOSE

DETROIT (Reuters) — General Motors Corp. said on Friday it would report a loss of up to \$845 million for the third quarter, a move expected to step up pressure on management for a change in the ailing auto giant's fortunes.

The world's largest car manufacturer said in a filing mich at and Exchange Commission.

The world's largest car manufacturer said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, however, that its third-quarter losses would be 20 percent less than the \$1.056 billion loss it posted a year ago.

Not all of GM's problems be blamed on the U.S. economic slowdown, analysts say. For instance, GM's decision to withdraw from the daily rental-car market earlier this year was based on the assumption that retail buyers would feel better about the economy and buy more cars.

This will mark the seventh time in eight quarters that GM has been money. The news sent GM's Class E shares down \$1 to \$29.50 on the New York Stock Exchange, Separately, GM's Class H stock was unchanged in Friday at \$18.125 after the company priced an offering of 28 million shares at \$18 each. GM was expected to raise as much as \$580 million

World Bank Study Sour on Results

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - A World Bank study found that che-third of the projects the organization had financed had not lived up to

The bank bands out tens of billions of dollars in loans each year to finance a variety of projects in developing nations — from building roads to supporting economic change. It has more than \$100 billion in loans

outstanding.

The findings of the study, which came at the initiative of the bank president, Lewis Preston, shocked some Western officials, who pointed out that if a project did not earn the equivalent of a 10 percent return on the Bank's money, it was judged unsatisfactory by the Bank's directors.

Texas Instruments Earns \$57 Million

DALLAS (Bloomberg) — Texas Instruments Inc. reported Friday third-quarter net income of \$57 million, or 58 cents a share, compared with a loss of \$113 million, or \$1.45 a share, in the like 1991 period.

For the first time since mid-1990, Texas Instruments said its semiconductor business was profitable. It did not specify dollar amounts, but said revenue rose 10.2 percent to \$1.89 billion, from \$1.69 billion last year.
Texas Instruments, which had 1991 semiconductor revenue of \$28:
billion, ranked behind Intel Corp. and Motorola Inc., and abead of
Advanced Micro Devices Inc. and National Semiconductor Corp.

Cereal Boom Lifts Kellogg Net 18%.

BATTLE CREEK, Michigan (Bloomberg) — Kellogg Co. said Friday that third-quarter earnings rose 18 percent, boosted in part by worldwide cereal sales growth and currency exchange gains.

Third-quarter net income for the breakfast-cereal giant rose to \$204.2 million, or 86 cents B share, from \$172.4 million, or 71 cents, a year earliest Voter are represented by the company of the

cariier. Year-ago earnings per share figures reflected the company's two-for-one stock split in December.

For the Record

May Department Stores Co. is combining some of its department-store divisions and closing 12 stores in California and one in Cleveland. The mergers will form Robinsons-May, a 55-store operation. (UPI)

The Securities and Exchange Commission has approved the purchase of Centel Corp., the telephone company, by Sprint Corp., for \$3 billion in shares and has set a proxy meeting for Dec. 2. (NYT)

MMR Holding Corp. said a bankruptcy court had approved its disclosure statement and had scheduled a hearing to confirm its reorganization plan on Nov. 4.

PPG Industries Inc. said third-quarter profit fell 4 percent because of a \$35 million arbitration award. Profit fell to \$66 million. down from \$68.9 million in the same period of 1991. Earnings increased oearly 3 percent in \$251.5 million, or \$2.37 a share, on sales of \$4.4 billion.

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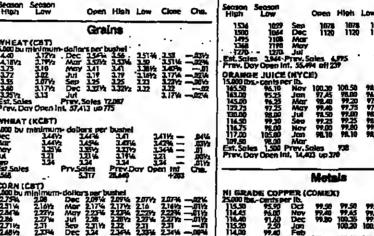
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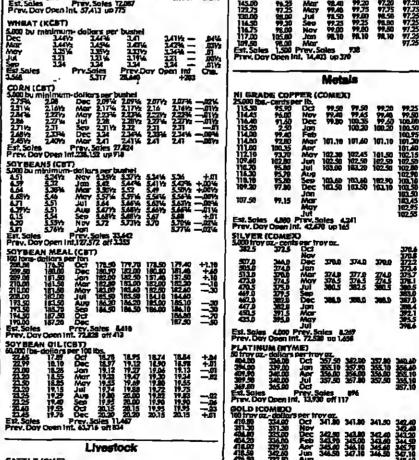
WARSAW — Fiat SpA took control Friday of the Polish state-owned carmaker Fabryka Samochodow Malolitrazowych: completing a long-awaited \$2 billion.deal.

Fiat and Poland Seal Deal

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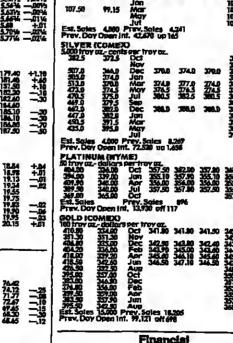


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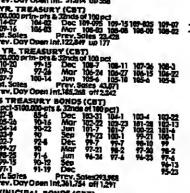
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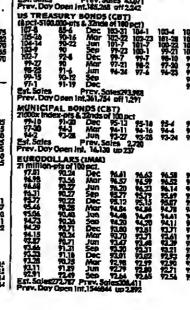
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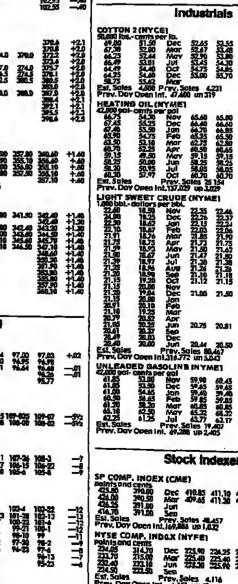


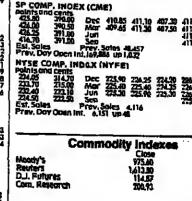














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Western German Sales Dive

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

FRANKFURT - Retail sales in Western Germany fell sharply in August, according to data issued Friday, dashing industry hopes that a tax cut in July would unleash consumer demand in the second half of 1992

The unexpected drop in retail sales coincided with remarks by Economics Minister Jürgen Möllemann, who said in a speech in Frankfurt that the region's economy was stagnating.

The early indicators point toward growing instability in the economy," he said. "In Western Germany, the economy is tending toward stagnation after the strong growth impulses provided by

The Federal Statistics Office said retail sales fell by a real 5.1 percent in August from a year earlier, and were down a nominal 3.1 percent. For the first eight months of the year, retail sales were down a

While some economists attributed the decline in August to hot weather and one fewer shopping day than in August 1991, others linked the weakness to the sluggish economy and record high interest rates during the month.

A one-year income-tax surcharge to help finance German unity expired in July. The retail industry had been hoping that much of the 12 billion Deutsche marks (\$8.3 billion) in spending power freed by the tax cut would lift retail sales in the

"Consumer confidence is at a pretty low level at

expiring in July and people going out and spending it is basically wrong," said Roland Wren, analyst at James Capel.

He added that Germany was beading into a recession and that people were saving rather than

In another report, the Federal Statistics Office said industrial production prices in Western Germany were unchanged in September from the

On the year, however, prices rose 0.8 percent, with the index reaching 105.1 in September, compared with 104.3 in September 1991.

The German Association of Retailers said in July that although retail sales fell by 2 percent in real terms in the first half, it was confident sales would be flat over the year. Now some analysts said it was looking increasingly unlikely that sales would even achieve that level.

Retail sales have risen every year since 1982.

Mr. Möllemann repeated his forecast, published in a newspaper interview Friday, that the Eastern German economy would expand only from 2 percent to 5 percent this year, well below his earlier forecast of up to 10 percent growth.

would diminish only gradually and that the economy would "start 1993 with a handicap." For the year overall, he said, "we must expect lower economic growth." (Renders, AFP)

He added that the pressure from wage increases

Swiss Minister Warns More Austerity Needed

BERN - Finance Minister Otto Stich projected on Friday a widening budget deficit for Switzerland in 1993 and warned that more austerity was necessary if the country was to get its books in balance.

Mr. Stich, who last month won parliamentary approval for a package of spending cuts and revenue-boosting measures, presented a draft budget that projected a feder-al deficit of 2.47 billion francs (\$1.9 billion) for 1993, compared with an expected gap of 1.33 billion francs this year and 2.01 billion in 1991.

But he warned that the budget was based on optimistic assumptions that the economy would grow a real 1.5 percent and inflation would be 3.5 percent. He said the deficit estimate was likely to grow by 800 million to 1.30 billion francs because of lower-than-expected reveme from a new gasoline tax and

higher unemployment benefits. "In the worst-case scenario the federal deficit would reach 3.8 billion francs, or roughly 1.1 percent of the estimated gross domestic product, a new record level for the last 15 years," Mr. Stich said. "Even with a strong economic recovery, an improvement of the financial state of the federation

96 period, the budget said. Mr. Stich said the deficit would continue to run at 2.5 billion to 3 billion francs a year for most of the second half of the 1990s. In the second half of the 1980s, Switzerland regularly recorded surpluses of around 1 billion francs.

Spending is forecast to rise 6.9 percent next year, to 39.69 billion francs, and revenue by 4 percent to 37.21 billion. The projections were based on the assumption that a 25 centimes-per-liter gas tax would be in place by the start of 1993 and generate about 1.6 billion francs. But In September, parliament cut the duty to 20 centimes and rejected Mr. Stich's appeal for its

nediate implementation. Mr. Stich said a second austerity package would be presented to the government in November for planned introduction in fiscal

Heineken's Aguila

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AMSTERDAM — Heineken NV said Friday its 51.2 percent-

owned Spanish brewer, El Aguila SA, would sell its brewery in Cór-doba to Colombia's Bavaria.

"The sale is part of El Aguila's

restructuring program," a spokes-woman at Heineken said, She

would not give the value of the sale.

sell El Aguila's breweries in Córdo-ba and Zaragoza since last year.

The sale will have "no substan-

tial influence on the published profit expectations of Heineken for

Heineken shares rose 1.40 guil-

1992," the Dutch brewer said.

ders to 172,80 (\$106).

Heineken has been looking to

Sells a Brewery



Very briefly:

Kraft General Foods International, a unit of Philip Morris Cos., said It had received acceptances for more than two-thirds of the shares of Freia Marabou A/S of Norway five days after making an offer for the

w Euro Disney said it would discuss its relationship with its parent, Walt Disney Co., when reporting its financial 1992 results in November, following reports that it would ask for a new arrangement and that it would report an annual loss instead of the small profit predicted.

· National Westminster Bank PLC of Britain has filed a registration statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to issue up

to \$500 million of exchangeable capital securities. Trading in stock of Credito Italiano, the Italian state-controlled bank that is to be privatized, was temporarily suspended by the Milan bourse authorities because of excessive price rises.

· Hachette SA, the French media concern, has launched an edition of its women's magazine Elle in South Korea in a joint venture with Hankook Ilbo, South Korea's leading publisher of daily newspapers.

MAN AG, the German engineering company, said in Munich that new orders for the first quarter of financial 1993 were down 22 percent on the

same period of last year. Black Sea Economic Cooperation Group officials have almost finished work at their Istanbul meeting on a charter for a new regional trade and development bank. The group comprises six former Soviet Republics plus Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania and Albania, AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg

RATE: Cut in Britain Takes the Markets by Surprise

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> . He also repeatedly stressed he point of the coal industry's multidecade decline, noting that in the

1970s it was shedding jobs at the rate of 30,000 a year. The prime minister also announced that the chancellor of the Box and Parketty Commence Exchequer would soon begin a se-ries of meetings with leading mem-

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interest rate cut.

Some economists believe the rate move showed that the pro-growth faction in the cabinet, led by Mr. Lamont, had gotten the upper hand assist people in these areas," he over the more inflation-shy faction that favors as early as possible a return to the European exchange-

> Stocks in London gained ground, with the 100-share Financial Times-Stock Exchange index finishing 17.3 points higher at

> 2.563.9 But the finish was lower than the day's high - which was 2,588 -- as pessimism about Britain's econom-

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in London reacted jubilantly to the interest rate cut. vestors are not interested in getting involved in the U.K. market."

A re-entry into the exchangerange mechanism, it is widely thought, would require Britain to keep its interest and inflation rates as closely in line with those on the Continent as possible.

The 1 percentage point cut in interest rates that followed Britain's retreat from the exchange-range mechanism last month still left open the hope of an early reentry. That hope is now gone, and growth sits atop the agenda.

For business, consumer and market confidence, which have been ripped by recent announcements of massive layoffs and conwas winning only mixed reviews in

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Ian Harnett, an analyst at tinuing political paralysis, the inBirmingham, the financial markets

Strauss Turnball, said, "Clearly, interest cut was welcome news.

Tariff on Imported Alcohol Raised to 100% in Russia

MOSCOW -- Russia has imposed a 100 percent tariff on imports of alcohol in a bid to protect domestic vodka producers, whose sales are plummeting, Interfax said Friday. The tariff was raised to 30

percent in August, from 15 percent earlier in the year.

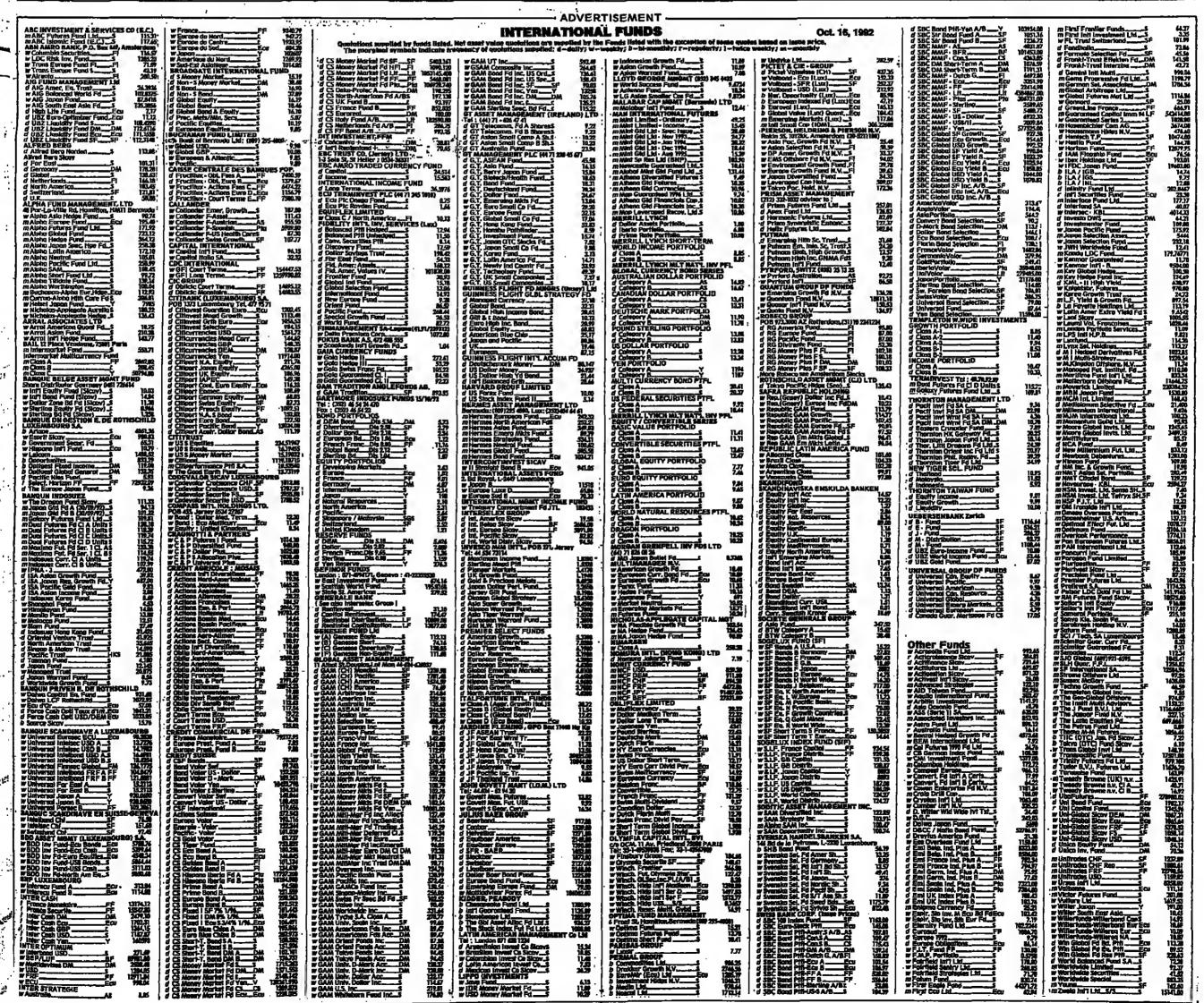
Vodka produced in Russia and other republies of the former

Soviet Union often is in short supply. But commercial shops and

kiosks across Russia offer a wide selection of imported liquor, which is much more popular than local alcohol.

Separately, Itar-Tass reported that the vast majority of Russians had yet to receive privatization vouchers from the government and that the bid to sell off state-owned firms was getting off to a shaky start.

The vouchers, which have a face value of 10,000 rubles (about \$30), can be used to buy land and property or to acquire shares in state-owned companies. Each Russian has the right to acquire one voucher by Jan. 1, which can be swapped for shares or a stake in property or firms before the end of 1993; it can also be sold for each.



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Amtrak Staff Denounces Management

By Don Phillips

igion Post Service WASHINGTON - An internal survey shows that employees and field managers of Amtrak, the American national rail network, feel they are victims of an "autocratic, militaristic, intimidating" management that has placed financial performance above all else, including

customer service and safety. The survey of 300 managers and workers nationwide, released by Amtrak along with a conciliatory letter to employees from the Amtrak president, W. Graham Claytor Jr., describes a dispirited staff that feels top manage-ment makes decisions without consultation.

Except for the Washington headquarters, the survey said that management personnel "are increasingly beginning to side with union em-

the survey was one of several steps Amtrak was taking to improve employee relations.

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does not respect their ideas, does not treat them ethically and has no customer-oriented goals. management-consulting firm, said that employ ees "were very outspoken," and that "in gener al, people at Amtrak care a lot about their profession and want to see Amtrak succeed. They are eager to play a role in contributing to its future success." its future success."

Tim Gillespie, Amtrak's assistant vice president for government and public affairs, noted that the survey was taken during a time of labor strife after employees had gone years without a pay raise, but said employee reaction was "perhaps a little harsher than we expected." He said teamwork, respect for employees, customer focus, ethical conduct, employee involvement and ent, quality service

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Friday's Prices

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Iran Reopens Offshore Fields 70 Deals Are Set With Foreign Companies

KHARG ISLAND, Iran - Having driven out foreign oil companies after its Islamic revolution in 1979, Iran is welcoming some back to take part in the country's ambitious plans to reconstruct and develop its offshore oil and gas fields.

The head of Iranian Offshore Oil Co., Mustafa

Khoie, said that Iran would not allow foreigners to control its oil again but that there was no reason why they could not provide technology and investment.

Officials in charge of Iran's larger onshore oil fields said that while foreign companies had been used as consultants and contractors, no wider role was envisaged for them on the Iranian mainland. Mr. Khoie said several types of deals were being

done with foreign companies, 70 of which were already contracted Some provide services for credit. A Japanese company has financed the rebuilding of the Sal-

man platform in the Gulf in a deal under which it will be repaid three years after completion. Another Japanese company that was contracted to rebuild the platform, blown up by U.S. Marines in the final stages of the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq war, hired McDermott International Inc. of the United States as subcontractor to do most of the work. McDennott built the original platform and was presumably not hired directly because of a con-

tinuing U.S. government embargo against Iran. It was mainly British staff who were handing over the ultramodern platform to its Iranian operators when reporters visited Salman this past week.

Other companies were paid in cash, such as the French company contracted to rebuild the nearby Nasr platform, also destroyed by U.S. Marines. McDermott was involved in the project as well Mr. Khoie said Iran Offshore was discussing with oil companies and traders conditions for bringing on stream undeveloped offshore fields. Those included Balal, which has 90 million barrels of recoverable reserves, and the Sirri E and A fields, which have about 490 million barrels.

Among companies he named as involved during talks for the past year were Total SA, Societé Nationale Elf Aquitaine, Petrofina SA, Deminex of Germany, Royal Dutch/Shell Group, Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi SpA's Snam SpA unit, as well as Japanese and South Korean companies.

Mr. Khoie said that some difficulties had arisen over settling the relationship with the foreign partners but that agreements on the Sirri fields should be concluded within three months.

The partner would not hold equity in the project but would have to finance it, to be paid from revenues in the form of oil or gas, he added. Sirri E and A should produce 75,000 barrels per day, and Balal 35,000 to 40,000 barrels per day.

A Japanese consortium that included the stateowned Japan National Oil Corp. has withdrawn from the project to develop the Hormuz reservoir at the mouth of the Gulf but is now involved in the discussions over Sirri. Mr. Khoie said invitations

for new bids would be issued soon. Foreign companies also are to be invited to finance and rebuild the Aburaz platform in the ourthern Gulf that can now produce 80,000 barrels per day from makeshift facilities. The aim is to raise output to its full capacity of 150,000 barrels.

Foreign companies also are becoming involved in drilling and pipelaying as well as exploration. Several are taking part in the \$1.71 billion project to develop the rich south Pars gas field, the Iranian sector of a massive reservoir being developed by Qatar and believed to be the world's largest gas field. Led by Saipem SpA, the group of companies includes Mitsubishi Corp. and Machinoimport of

Total Starts Gas Venture in Burma

RANGOON - Total SA of France has begun a natural-gas venture in Burma that could cost \$1 billioo and involve building a pipeline through rebel-held jungle along the route of the World War II "Death Railway."

Hervé Madeo, Total's new manager in Rangoon, said his company had obtained two offshore exploration blocks with known reserves in the Andaman Sea about 240 kilometers (150 miles) southwest of the capital.

Total, which has entered a prodoctioo-sbaring cootract with Myanmar Oil & Gas Enterprise, was preparing to drill four test wells to check previous surveys that estimated reserves at 2 to 3 trillion cubic feet of gas.

If the field is viable, Total plans to install four wellhead platforms, another two for living quarters and processing, and build a pipeline through Burma to neighboring Thailand to feed

power stations there.
The cost of the project could range from \$800 million to \$1 billion, about half of which would be spent on the pipeline, Mr. Madeo said.

Diplomats say Total already has paid \$15 million to obtain the production-sharing agreement. Mr. Madeo said the company would spend \$20 million to \$30 million over the next two years. Total believes it can start pumping gas to Burma and Thai-land by 1997.

The 120 kilometer land pipeline to Thailand would follow the route of the infamous "Death' Railway" that Japan's Imperial Army forced Asian laborers and Allied prisoners of war to build from 1942 to 1944 at a cost of about 100,000 lives.

The route through Burma would cross the malaria-infested states of Mon and Karen where

ethnic guerrillas have been fighting the government for the past four decades.

Rangoon-based diplomats said there was a high risk the pipeline would be attacked by dissident groups during its construction. Earlier this year, Kirkland Resources, a British oil company, halted an operation near the route of Total's proposed pipeline after failing to get adequate security guarantees from the local military com-

Mr. Madeo said that Total was looking for a partner for its mitisi surveys and that it envisaged having four partners, including Thailand's petroleum authority, PTT, once the Andaman field had proved viable.

The military junta in Ran-goon, in need of foreign cash, began inviting international cil companies to explore in 1989.

Westpac Will Sell TV Network

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SYDNEY - Westpac Banking Corp. said Friday that it had agreed to sell Australia's Network Ten television to an investment consortium led by CanWest Global Communications Corp. of Canada.

The price and the identities of members of the consortium were not disclosed.

Including a stint of almost 11 months in receivership, this will mark the fifth time the network has changed hands since Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. handed over the reins to Frank Lowy's Westfield

Holding five years ago. "The sale of the network is in line with the bank's stated policy for orderly disposal of impaired assets," said the Westpac managing director, Frank Conroy. Westpac took control of the network after it failed in 1991, in a deal valued at 240 million Australian dollars

(\$174 million). CanWest is Canada'a largest independent television broadcaster. Last December it teamed up with Westpac to acquire TV3 New Zealand. TV3, like Network Ten, had been in receivership. The CanWest chief executive, LH. Asper, said the move into Australia was a natural progression from New Zealand.

Australian law forbids more than a 15 percent foreign shareholding in domestic television licenses. Network Ten operates in

Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane. Westpac has moved to scale down its noncore assets following a 1.67 billion dollar interim loss and the failure of the bank's recent 1.2 billion dollar rights issue.

Formal agreements are expected to be signed in November. The identities of the other parties in the consortium will be revealed after

the Australian Broadcasting Authority approves the purchase.
(Bloomberg, AFP)

Japan Output Drop **Now Looks Steeper**

TOKYO - Japan's industrial output in Aogust was revised downward on Friday for its largest monthly decline on record, a development which, analysts said, could push the Bank of Japan to cut interest rates.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry said industrial production in August dropped 4.2 percent from July, revised from a preliminary decline of 3.7 percent.

Inventories, which corporations are desperately trying to draw down and which will play an important role in any economic recovery, climbed for the fifth straight month. Industrial output did not fall this much even during the oil shock in the 1970s and the figures are fur-

ther evidence that Japan is falling

into a recession.

This is going to put further pressure on the BOJ to cut interest rates so that companies can get their inventories down," said Chiharn Shima, economist at UBS/-Phillips & Drew International Ltd., referring to the central bank.

Compared with a year earlier, industrial production in August fell by 8.1 percent, revised from a preliminary 7.6 percent drop. The pro-

liminary Angust data were an-nounced Sept. 29.

Mr. Shima said that, with comanies taking drastic steps to cut

Tax Raid Shuts Bombay Exchange

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Exchange on Friday and raided the offices of at least 20 brokers suspected of involvement in India's \$1 billion securities scandal, brokers said.

Brokers reacted by boycotting trading in Bombay, and markets elsewhere fell, with the national index losing 29.51 points to 1,348.39.

erupted in April, and at least 30 people have been arrested. Investigators say brokers and bankers colluded to siphon money from the interbank

There have been several tax raids on the stock market since the scandal

Brokers said those raided had had dealings with Bhupendra Dalal, one those accused in the scandal. (Readers, Bloomberg)

- More than 200 taxmen swooped on the Bombay Stock

tion, pressure was likely to build up on the Bank of Japan to do its part by stimulating consumption with lower interest rates.

Economists said the data made a cut in the discount rate from the current 3.25 percent level likely sooner rather than later. But the Bank of Japan, also watching the stock market as another key indicator for any decision, is showing no

SIERS OF CONCERN. In a speech before bankers on Friday read by the Bank of Japan director, Kunio Kojima, the bank's governor, Yasushi Mieno, attributed weak demand to falling capital investment and slower growth in consumer spending.

Mr. Mieno acknowledged that inventory adjustment had been delayed, but said that it was expected to peak in the not-too-distant future

The scope of the production cutbacks was widespread, with all 15 sectors covered by the MITI survey declining, including cars, comput-ers, metal products, plastics, steel and computers. A 0.4 percent rise in inventories in August was due to higher stocks of goods such as beer cigarettes, heating oil, diesel oil and

Many private economists do not expect the economy to pick up until the inventory figure reaches zero.

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Daiei Inc., Japan's largest nationwide supermarket-chain operator, cut its parent earnings forecast for the year ending Feb. 28 from 28.0 billion yen (\$23.2 million) to 25.5 billion yen, because of slower consumption. City Chin Chow (Holdings), which owns a chain of Chinese restaurants, said it would make an initial public offering of 38 million shares at 1,28 Hong Kong dollars (17 U.S. cents) each, to raise 41.6 million dollars.

. P. Y. Pai, chairman of International Commercial Bank of China, one of Taiwan's largest private commercial banks, is expected to be named finance minister, after Wang Chien-Shien resigned over land tax reform. Yaohan Group, a Japanese-owned supermarket operator based in Hong. Kong, signed a deal with China Venturetech Investment Corp. to set up a company in Hong Kong, China C&Y Holding Co., to invest in manufacturing, distribution, food and entertainment.

 Toyota Motor Corp. said production rose 7.1 percent in September; to 354,541 vehicles, while exports grew 12.9 percent, to 159,404 units, Nissan Motor Co. said production dropped 14.1 percent, to 184,634 vehicles, while exports fell 4.0 percent, to 88,975 units.

China's first international commodities futures market will open soort in shanghai, with a satellite linkup to U.S. markets.

Reuters, Bloomberg, L'PI, AFP

Guangdong Gets Campbell's Alphabet Soup

market to artificially raise share prices

of those accused in the scandal.

BELTING - Campbell Soup Co. of the United States has begun selling 17 varieties of its soups. broths and juices in the southern province of Guangdong, the China Daily newspaper reported on Friday.

The products, from one of America's bestknown food companies, include alphabet soup, chicken broth and V-8 vegetable juice. "Today China is the No. 1 market to be devel-

oped in Asia by Campbell," said David J. Wells, managing director of Campbell Soup Asia Ltd.

In the next six months, the company plans to spend 2.5 million yuan (\$456,000) in advertising and marketing in Guangdong, Later, Campbell will turn its attention to Shanghai and the northern cities of Beijing and Tianjin, he said.

Campbell has been testing its products in the Guangzhou Friendship Store in the provincial capital and found them well-received by Chinese consumers, the newspaper reported.

Mr. Wells said Campbell was looking for partners for joint-venture somp factories in China.

Taiwan Broker Goes Abroad

TAIPEI — Taiwan authorities have granted the first of what is expected to be a string of approvals for local securities companies to set up shop in Hong Kong.

Taiwan Securities has received approval from the Securities and Exchange Commission to open a subsidiary in Hong Kong, and expects to formally apply to Hong Kong authorities for a business license in the next few weeks, Huang Hsien-shen, president of the firm, said Friday.

"It's part of a large trend in the internationalization of the financial industry here," Mr. Huang said.

The company hopes to serve international institutions in Hong Kong that have received permission to invest in Taiwan stocks, Mr. Huang said.

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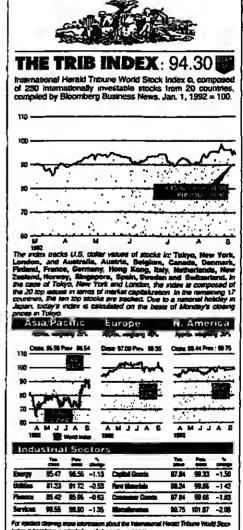
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Banks From Real World

where they are in chains. Something close to that touching sentiment — stopping just short of a Universal Declaration of the Rights of Banks — was promulgated this week by the French finance minister, Michel Sapin.

Mr. Sapin has declared that French check-

ing accounts linked to money market funds are, believe it or not, dangerous. The French minister is attempting to put a stop to the obvious wickedness of customers being paid interest for money which they are, essentially, lending to the banks.

The move to ban these accounts throws up two salient points, neither of which reflects

well on French financial policy. First, aside from the fact that French consumers have consistently been given bad value and been treated with an attitude little short of contempt by the French banking community, is the apparent inconsistency of Mr. Sapin's pronouncement. Last month he reminded us of the late of speculators during the Revolution (they were beheaded). Now be appears to want to safeguard the interests of the banks, even though it is largely they who employ those naughty spec-

Second, it is now even more difficult than before to believe in the much-vaunted pan-European market in financial services. The market will be introduced next year, come what may, But consider the realities: The attempt to ban these accounts was spurred by the introduction by the French arm of the British bank, Barclays, of an account which was too good for the rest of the market - far too good for banks that pay no interest and reap a fat return from the billions of francs they have on interest-free deposit. So while there are no European legal barriers to a free market, the marketing restrictions and the local regulations can be blatantly protectionist. How else can Mr. Sapin's actions be

In other areas, such as the pension, insur-ance and mutual fund markets, EC countries are still scrambling to implement the unifying directives.

.European it may be, but the EC lacks a sense of community.

FIRST COLUMN Dutch Stock Opportunities Paris Shields Tied to German Rate Cuts

By Katherine Burton

OR the last year and a half, European market strategists have been saying that the Germans would cut interest rates within six months. And the moving target kept moving this week when the Bundesbank stressed yet again the importance it attaches to maintaining a rigorous anti-inflationary policy.

Despite the policy-making council's deci-sion to leave key rates unchanged, market watchers are still counting on the Bundes-bank to lower rates, sooner or later. The consensus among analysts is that the drop is three to six months away. But the emphasis in that range is very much on the later date, rather than on the earlier.

For investors who would like to put some money behind the prediction of a long-term easing in rates, analysts say that of all the

The current sentiment is that, in the short term, the Dutch market could drop further, especially if Wall Street takes a plunge.

European equities, Dutch stocks stand to benefit the most from a rate slash, thanks to the country's close ties to the German economy and to the strength of the guilder.

"Dutch interest rates are very strongly linked to German rates — one might even-say we are a branch of the Bundesbank, " said Ton Gietman, equities analyst at James Capel in Amsterdam. " If the Germans cut rates, the Dutch will follow immediately."

The guilder is among the firmest currencies in the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. Because the currency has resisted the recent shake-up of the ERM, the government has been able to cut interest rates 60 basis points, or humdredths of a percent, in the past month, a move unheard of in the rest of Europe. During times of turnoil in currency mar-

kets, investors tend to put their funds in countries whose money is stable because any capital gains are more likely to be protected against a currency devaluation.

"Investors will concentrate on Dutch, Swiss and German markets after an interest rate cut because these countries have the strongest currencies," said Thibaud de Guerre, senior analyst at Crédit Suisse First Boston in Amsterdam. They are also seeksocion in Austentian. They are also seeking quality at the moment, and are choosing
stocks on the grounds of conservative management and strong balance sheets," both
characteristics, he said, of large Dutch firms.

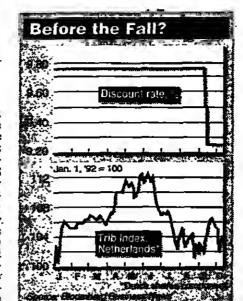
The strong guilder has also created a rally in the Dutch bond market, pushing yields down to their lowest level since July 1990 and sending the benchmark 10-year bond price to around 103.50 recently. And economists believe that the devaluations of the pound, lira, peseta and other European cur-rencies should force the Dutch inflation rate below 3 percent in 1993, thus making Dutch bonds even more attractive.

A German interest rate drop looks likely at some stage because after currency markets went into a tailspin in mid-September, the Bundesbank shaved its Lombard rate by 0.25 percentage point and the discount rate by 0.5 point. The cut, analysis contend, was minimal but very symbolic. The move showed that Germany was willing to look beyond its own domestic money worries to those of other members of the European Community. Economists are optimistic that with international equity and currency markets still volatile, Germany will be forced to push rates down even further.

Analysts warn however, that investors still need to be selective in choosing Dutch shares. First-half results of many Dutch companies have been disappointing and even the more bullish analysts say company profits for the 50 biggest companies will only increase between 5 percent and 6 percent this year. Macroeconomic growth—predicted at 1.6 percent this year — also looks

The Dutch stock market reflects the current sluggishness. The EOE stock index of 25 companies has dropped about 13 percent to around 278 since the Danes' rejection of the Maastricht treaty sent European stock markets sliding. Yet the tumble was less dramatic than in most other European countries, and analysts say that Dutch shares are also a bit cheaper than average, with a price-earnings ratio of 12-1 on estimated 1992 earnings.

The 10 leading internationally investable shares that constitute the Dutch component of the International Herald Tribune World Stock Index have outperformed the overall market, however, recording a gain of more than 4 percent since the start of the year.



A Dirtch equities play should center around interest rate-sensitive stocks, analysts say, namely ABN-Amro Holding, a bank; Aegon, an insurance company and ING, which has activities in both banking

"We should see the yield curve flatten in the next two months, and that should have a great impact on margins for financial institu-tions," said Mr. de Guerre of CSFB.

Some analysts are also bullish on companies with a large percentage of business in the United States, even with the current weakness in the dollar cutting into profits... Again, analysts have been forecasting a re-covery in the United States for the past 12 months, but many now agree that business will pick up Stateside by late next year. "I still strongly believe that the U.S. econ-

omy will recover much earlier than any econ-omy in Europe," said Mark Slendebroek, Dutch equities analyst at Kleinwort Benson Securities in London, who said he likes the food group Wessanen, the chemical compa-ny Azzo, and the consumer goods concern

Other frequently mentioned picks include the beer maker Heineken, which has been able to boost profit margins, and the pub-

lisher Wolters Kluwer, which should see profit grow 20 percent this year. Another publisher, Elsevier, which is favored for its expected merger with U.K.-based Reed International, is also forecasting earnings. growth of 15 percent to 20 percent.

The current sentiment is that, in the short" term, the Dutch market could drop further, especially if Wall Street takes a plunge. "European markets will be dragged downward for now," said Marius Andre, a salesman at-Amstgeld NV in Amsterdam. "The end of November or early December will be the time to buy, after which investors can sit-back and fully enjoy the New Year rally."

Rare Flora in Securities Bouquet

The Exotic End of the Market

European asset backed finance, new issue volumes, in billions of dollars

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By Karina Robinson

OULD I interest you in a Jump Z bond backed by a Mexican tell road? And perhaps the Brooklyn Bridge as well, you may well say. But this is a serious proposition, in fact a \$1.5 trillion-plus proposition, which is the size of the market for securitized assets in the United States. At \$40 billion maximum, the equivalent European market has a long way to catch up. Securitization involves turning

an illiquid asset with a cash flow into a tradeable security. This loose definition does not do justice to the sophisticated financial engineering involved and it is precisely that soohistication which has scared retail investors away from some of the most micresting fixed and

floating rate instruments available. Securitized assets tend to be sold to banks, financial institutions, asset management firms and corporations. But as investment managers become more familiar with the concept they are increasing their exposure, and thus that of their clients. Although this kind of product is far from the traditional Eurobond beloved of the archetypal "Belgian dentist" investor base, this more exotic kind of security could be the future of the market, especially in Europe where securitization is far

behind American levels. "Historically, European investors are quite conservative and look askance at those weird and wonderful U.S. instruments." said Mark Lewis, vice president at Swiss bank UBS Phillips & Drew in London. Europeans also do not like prepayment risk in their bonds, but with something like a car loan securitization you have to accept it." This means that an investor

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The generally depressed market tive Financial Services. The firm in instruments that provide interest sold a large number of car-hire pur- rate income - especially in the chase receivables into a special pur-pose vehicle called Anto Funding, years has provided a strong incentive for new investors to investigate floating rate notes to pay for the the asset-backed market. On the purchase. These carry a triple-A issuer side, rising margins in the risk rating due to an extra £40 mil- loan markets over the last few years lion that the company has put aside are pushing companies such as to stand as a sort of guarantee of AFS to securitize. Before, securitipayment for holders of the regular zation would be seen as a very expensive way to fund assets.

principal repaid before the five Finland and Sweden, where finanears are up. cial institutions are driven by This is just one example of the need," said Mr. Lewis of UBS.

there: Their ratings have been downgraded, they cannot issue shares." He added, "Securitization is the only route."

Mortgages have been the backbone of the asset-backed market, in the United States and in Europe. The United States got going on the residential mortgage market, said Andrew Dobson, a managing director at Chemical Investment Bank in London. "In the 1980s the principal savings and loans were in trouble. Both they and the government had a strong incentive to push assets off balance sheet."

fn Britain, National Home Loans and other centralized mortgage lenders were the impulse be-hind the development of securitization. But they are fringe players in the mortgage market compared to the building societies. Mr. Dobson of Chemical Investment Bank believes there is great potential for securitization by U.K. building societies. The best proof is the fact that a number of them are known to be looking at new ways to write mortgages to make securitization

In France, ftaly and Spain the asset-backed markets are much smaller. One of the reasons is regulatory problems. Legislation is needed to make some of these deals possible. Central banks in Europe have very different attitudes to securitization, the Bundesbank being one of the less enthusiastic, making the German asset-backed security market a nonstarter. The capital rich state of the German banks is an added disincentive. But often it is companies, such as Automotive Financial Services, mentioned above, that are securitizing in an effort to free productive capital. Some bankers believe this is where the major developments will take

place in the European market. Whether it is Scandinavian banks, U.K. building societies or French corporations, the European asset-backed market is moving into

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Democratic Presidents: No Disaster for the Market

The American stock market does better when a Republican captures the White House, just as the conventional wisdom has it, but the advantage fizzles soon after Election Day, according to a study of the last 18 elections done by the newsletter InvesTech Market Analyst. A year later, on average, the market has been higher under a new Democratic president than a Republican.

Two weeks after the election of 10 Republican presidents, beginning with Warren Harding in 1920, the Dow Jones industrial

average was up an average of I percent, Investech notes. The Dow shows an average fall of 0.9 percent, however, in the first two weeks after the Democrats' eight victories. Looking out a year after the elections, the

Dow shows a 4 percent rise during Republi-can terms but a gain of 6.2 percent under the Democrats. One possible explanation for the divergent fortunes just after the vote is that Wall Street types like Republicans and so may bid up prices on the expectation of good things to

As for why the Democrats seized the advantage after a year, a look at interest rates provides a clue. InvesTech points out that 90-day Treasury bill rates rose 0.5 percent on average in the first six months under Republican administrations but just 0.1 percent the Democrats. In fact, in only three of the last 18 elections were rates lower a year later.

"There does appear to be a larger increase in interest rates when a Republican wins," writes James Stack, the newsletter's editor, possibly due to a bias toward spending cutbacks and monetary restraint."

Republic New York Cleared To Operate as Brokerage

Republic New York Corp., an American banking group noted for its conservative management and solid balance sheet, is to be allowed to conduct brokerage operations in the United States.

The Federal Reserve has approved the move, and the brokerage operation will be-gin when the New York Stock Exchange grants it membership.

Banking and broking have been kept strictly separate by U.S. banking laws for more than 50 years, until J.P. Morgan was recently allowed to do broking business.

Arm of Indosuez Focuses On Emerging-Nation Funds

Gartmore, the U.K. fund management arm of the French banking giant Indosuez, is introducing a closed-ended mutual fund that will invest in single-country funds dedicated

to emerging markets.

Many of the country funds — Gartmore estimates there are 160 currently listed on the world's stock markets — trade at a substantial discount to net asset value. By investing in these funds, the firm hopes the new fund's shares will be deemed fully discounted by the market, and therefore not be subjected to such treatment twice.

Gartmore is attempting to raise £20 million (\$35 million) from the issue, which is targeted at institutional and professional in-

Class Rift, Dare We Say It, is Growing Wider in China

In the clearest evidence yet of growing class divisions in China, official figures pub-lished on Thursday revealed that private business people have more money in the bank than China's 800 million peasan

Bank savings in cities and towns increased by 300 billion yuan (\$55 billion) this year from the figure in 1991 to 1.4 trillion yuan (\$255 billion), according to Luo Gan, the head of the cabinet's secretariat.

The rate of savings increased most for private business people, actors, athletes and other professionals, he said. (AFP)

South Africa Sanctions: Still Mainly in Place in U.S.

Although President George Bush lifted most federal sanctions against South Africa over a year ago, only two U.S. jurisdictions the state of Oregon and Fairfax County; Virginia - have lifted their sanctions, according to a survey by the Investor Respon-sibility Research Center, a Washington D.C.-based nonprofit research firm.

The survey, titled "A Guide to American. State and Local Sanctions on South Africa." reveals that three jurisdictions added new sanctions on South African investing over the past year. Baltimore, Hartford, Connecticut, and Kansas City, Missouri, all addernew penalties for firms having ties with the bauntry.

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U.K. Insurers Try to Divert An Avalanche of U.S. Claims

By Digby Larner

VER the next few weeks the U.K. insurance industry begins a legal battle to prevent U.S. itizeos elaiming compeosation rom the British Policy Protection

The board, which was set up in 975 following the collapse of Veicle & General Insurance, is fundd by the U.K. insurance industry nd covers policyholder's claims if in insurer goes to the wall. Earlier this year the elients of

Walbrook Insurance — a wholly wined U.S. subsidiary of the failed Britishinsurer London United Inestments - looked to the fund for nelp. Their claim was turned down on two counts. First, because they Here U.S. residents, they were told bey did not qualify as U.K. policyholders. Second, because the bulk of Walbrook's business was public liability insurance for partnerships, they were considered commercial rather than private policyholders and so were not able to claim.

But a Walbrook policyholder, Dr. Jonathan Scher of New York, took the matter to the British courts. He won what has become a test case for a piece of U.R. registation, the Policy Protection Act
which governs the Policy Protection Board. An appeal from the
board failed and it has since had to
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Now the Association of Diffusion No. Insurers has entered the fray. This Insurers has entered the Iray. The month it will petition the House of Lords — the highest British court of appeal - to have the decision

reversed.

The association's case hinges on what it describes as "sloppy drafting" of the legislation. This, it said, has wrongly allowed U.S. policyholders to use the Policy Protection Board. The association's head of bublic affairs, Tony Baker, insists the current interpretation of the law is far too broad. He said of the law: "It has gooe much further than was intended. It was designed to protect private individuals in the U.K. and that's what we hope to " have clarified."

"If it fails, the association fears the board could expose U.K. insurance companies to a flood of claims from around the world. Some estiguates put the possible cost of the ruling at over \$1 billion. By far the biggest risk comes from medical malpractice business written in the United States. Walbrook Insurance alone wrote more than 30,000 pub-lic hability policies and the final

By Aline Sullivan

bill for its failure may be more than

The association's deputy chief executive officer, Keith Loocy, said: "The LUI subsidiaries sold a lot of policies to doctors, lawyers and now the claims are coming home to roost."

British insurers have fared badly during the recession and are clearly keen to avoid being drawn into any further costly liabilities. They are acutely aware of the enormous burden of medical malpractice lawsuits in the United States and hope to avoid any exposure to it.

Between 1982 and 1987 obstetric and gynecological claims alone more than tripled in the United States. The size of individual settlements has also reached record levels. Even though there are signs these increases have now peaked they continue to have a devastating effect on public liability insurers.

Insurance companies have at-tempted to keep costs at a realistic level but increases in premiums of 250 percent from 1975 to 1986 have led doctors to seek alternative types of cover, such as insurance trusts. Many doctors simply cannot afford the annual insurance premiums which, for some specialists, total more than \$80,000 a year.

This crisis has forced a number of insurers into bankrupacy and the for attempting to get the recent association is concerned that those court decision reversed. Mr. Baker on the fund will ultimately mean great but because it is set to grow the present ruling will gain greater and the association claims it is unsignificance and make it all the fair that British policyholders more important the the scope of the should foot the bill for risks in PPB is limited to private U.K. poli-

A charge is levied on insurance companies only when a claim is made against the Policy Protection Board. This has happened three times, all during the past two years. Of these the largest claim was Wal-brook's at \$100 million. The reand accountants. They brought brook's at \$100 million. The re-those risks onto the London market maining two were for about \$1.5 million each. Recently another two companies have gone bust, Trinity Insurance and Continental Assurance, and are awaiting settlements.

If claims begin to escalate, British insurers would not face unlimited liability. The policy board levy is not allowed to exceed I percent of each company's total annual premium income. If that fails to cover all the claims, then the policy board is enspowered to borrow cash to make up the deficit.

Mr. Loney believes that even if the association's appeal fails, the board's increased exposure is unlikely to force it into debt. He said: "Nonlife premium income in the U.K. is about £13 billion so the PPB could raise £130 million every year if it had to. And when a claim is made it can rarely be settled all at once. The cost is, therefore, usually spread over a number of years.

Apart from the risk in the United States, the association is concerned that the harmonization of insurance companies within the European Community is a further reason with a British link will now have said: "At the moment the level of access to the PPB. Increased claims cross-border business isn't that PPB is limited to private U.K. poli-cyholders as originally intended."



Breaking Up: Beware

By Kate Bales

ETTING married is easy. It's quick, it's inexpensive, and it's recognized by legal systems throughout the world.

Divorce is not so simple.
Unlike the marriage document, divorce papers, alimony, child support awards, and, custody decrees, have no international reciprocity and often create emotional and bitter debates over linancial assets and Courts have jurisdiction only over people residing

within their territory. Laws, ordinances, and legal decrees officially cease to apply at national borders. Because courts tend to favor their own citizens it is not uncommon, in the case of bi-cultural couples, for each partner to file for divorce in his country of origin. An individual must establish residency in the location where divorce is filed, so parties residing abroad who feel that a local court will be more favorable must return to their native countries to re-establish residen-

cy. When this occurs, the other spouse can be legally divorced without knowing it. Sometimes two separate divorces can occur simultaneously, defining rights in completely opposing manners and leaving questions of taxes, estates and offspring in inter-cultural limbo. There is no international court of appeals to address

conflicts between dissenting court judgments, and international divorce battles often rage for years. According to a spokesman at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, when an American tries to demand that a foreign government recognize American court orders, or a foreigner attempts to demand that the American sys-tem acknowledge overseas legal decrees. "The two courts, and systems, simply proceed to ignore each other." Since legal declarations are not valid in foreign countries and since many nations, including the United States, permit the finalization of a divorce without the presence of the second participant, a spouse may not know that he has been divorced, or what is in fact has been demanded of him.

Since 1978, more than 3,000 cases of international parental child abduction have been reported to U.S.authorities. It is not uncommon in these cases for both parents to have been awarded "sole custody" under their individual judicial systems. In many cases they are acting legally - under separate jurisdiction when they abduct the child from another counwhen they "abduct" the child from another country. Under the laws of most Western countries, both parents have the legal right to travel with their offspring, and children with dual citizenship often have two passports which are separately held by estranged

In 1988 the Hagne Coovention was established to set international guidelines to "assist" in this crisis and advice whichever parent was left behind. Currently, there are 24 countries that cooperate under this pact. However, diplomats warn that often parents do not want to discuss cooperation or joint custody for financial and for emotional reasons. Often, they just go into hiding with their children and tell the confused youth that the missing parent is dead. In such cases it is not uncommon, when the abandoned parent can find the involved."

child, for snatching and re-snatching to become an ongoing game of human cross-border volleyball.

According to the Citizens Consular Services, a division of the U.S. State Department, there are at present 380 active cases of abducted children being taken to the United States, and 395 active cases of abduction from the United States. Statistic successful interpretations are present to the United States. vention very greatly between countries, but in the past 10 years U.S. courts have returned at least four children to France, and a representative at the French Foreign Ministry in Paris was aware of at least one child returned to the United States.

Alimony and child support problems are oot covered under the Hague Convention, and have to be dealt with by engaging private legal aid.

Many countries do not participate in the Hague Convention, and often Arab, African and Eastern nations have laws that, according to embassy authorities, are prejudicial toward foreigners.

According to a recent embassy report American women who choose to marry Saudi men (500 American women currently reside in the kingdom with Saudi husbands) are often without any legal resources. "Under Sharia law," the report says, "an American

or any Western, woman can find herself divorced, deported, and deprived of all visitation." In one instance a Western woman who had undergone a bitter divorce and child enstedy bartle, and later returned to Saudi Arabia with a legal visa for work reasons suffered badly. She lost her job, was thrown in jail and was deported when her ex-husband learned of her presence in the country.

According to the embassy report, the ultimate objective of the Sharia court is to determine that the child is raised a Muslim. Whether a convert or oot to Islam. an American woman has never won a custody case and, in instances where the father is dead, the child is taken from the Western mother and given to the closest living Saudi male relative.

Many Arah countries forbid women from traveling without the consent of their husbands and in these instances both the wives' and children's passports are legally withheld from the individuals. U.S. authorities are emphatic that there is little they can do to help in such circumstances.

Last year, a case was reported to the U.S. authorities where an American woman hired a commando team to enter a country in North Africa to re-abduct her child when legal alternatives and assistance by Inter-pol had been unfruitful.

According to the American Bar Association, one precantion for all bi-cultural couples with children is for each party to post a bond against the possibility of abduction. The monetary figures of these bonds are based on the income of the individuals concerned in each case. If one party forfeits this agreement by abducting the child the other has secured a source of revenue to assist with legal costs.

John Fredenburger, a U.S. attorney based in Paris, also recommends that all bi-cultural couples who hold assets prior to a marriage work out a contractual agreement regarding the ownership of property in case of divorce: "It is essential that such agreements are clear and valid under the national laws of both parties

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ECENT volatility in Europe's currency markets will have brought some headaches to the men and women who manage foreign eurrency mortgages. Bot home huyers who stand to suffer from high domestic interest rates may find that the attractions of these loans worth the risk.

Foreign curreocy mortgages, available for about a decade in Britain, and sooo to become more common in other countries, allow investors to denominate loans in another currency. The interest rate depends on the currency selected. The attractions of a foreign currency mortgage are twofold: The interest rate can be lower than domestic fates, and, if the exchange rate swings in the borrower's favor, the debt outstanding will be cut.

- : " " Most borrowers have fared rea-- v: sonably well, according to the lenders and brokers involved in the - business. But taking on a mortgage in a foreign currency is not for the faint-hearted. In Britain, the big risk is that lending banks, anxious to limit their currency exposure, will automatically convert the loan back into pounds when a currency loss exceeds a predetermined amount. At that point what was previousty a loss only on paper becomes real, and often substantial. Nick Sutton of RFCL Ltd., a

subsidiary of the London insurance subsidiary of th this increase occurs, the borrower

the prevailing sterling interest rate.

There is a time when the banks say enough is enough on a currency loss," said Mr. Sutton. "But 15 per-- cent could be a very large loss. We have never had a client revert back to sterling at that rate: Most a cliand that was only on paper.' 1 ent has ever lost is about 10 percent

RFCL's 360-odd clients have reduced their debt on average by 19.8 percent through currency movements and have had interest rates of about 4.8 percentage points less South Africa Sancio four years, he said. than U.K. base rates over the past

South Africa Same hour years, he said.

The loans work like this. If a borrower takes out a define the said. buys \$1.60, the loan will equal \$160,000. If the dollar then weakens to, say, \$2 to the pound, the loan may be redeemed at £80,000.
Of course, these loans can work the gother way. If the pound is worth \$2 the time of borrowing and then teakens to \$1.60 the debt would

us \$1.60 the debt wo. Mortgages in one foreign curreny are popular with expatriates who sould like their mortgage to be denominated in the same currency as their pay check. Less risky, however, are multisers. wer, are multicurrency loans. This

type of debt is usually managed by rency advisers who trade funds and debts between about 23 currencies including the European Currency Unit, or Ecu.

Mortgages for the Stouthearted

Both single currency and multicurrency mortgages can be difficult to obtain. A lending official at Kleinwort Benson Private Bank in London said the bank only lends in foreign currencies to selected customers who are recommended by a broker. Other banks operating in Britain willing to provide foreign currency mortgages — Bank of East Asia and São Paulo Bank have similar lending policies.

ARREN Arman, lending officer at Bank of Boston in London. said the bank provides mortgages in foreign currencies to individuals "with sufficient working knowledge of the currency mar-kets." Other applicants must engage a currency manager approved by the bank before the loan is

Currency managers approved by the Bank of Boston of the other lending banks are the ECU Group, Cleveland Capital Managem and Bliss Wenil Investment Management in London and three firms based outside the capital: Investments Services International, Global Financial Facilities and MacIntyre Hudson. Most firms charge a fixed fee and are entitled to 10 percent of any profit made when the loan is redeemed.

Both routes have their perils. Ac cording to Mr. Arman, come of the Bank of Boston mortgage holders was forced to convert their loans. back into sterling after Britain last month suspended its membership in the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System except for one investment banker who had chosen to manage his own currency exposure. He was on vacation at the time.

But at least two currency manage ers also reacted too late to the political changes said a financial adviser who asked not to be named. While most currency managers converted the loans under their charge back into sterling, one firm was left with a substantial short position in U.S. dollars while the other has bet clints' funds on a decline in the Swiss fund rate. Both currencies rose sharply against sterling after Britain quit the ERM.

"We switch loans back into sterling if they drop to less than 80 percent of their original value," said Mr. Arman. "ft doesn't happen often but it does happen: At least three or four times out of about 150 loans."

Home buyers willing to take the risk must also have fairly deep pockets. Most banks won't lend above 70 percent of the purchase price of the property an require the borrower's income to be at least \$175,000 a year. Few banks will

consider a mortgage of less than £150,000 although brokers may be able to negotiate loans for individuals with smaller incomes and purchase prices.

Foreign currency mortgages have appealed to U.K.-based borrowers over the past decade while Britain had one of the highest rates of interest in the world. But consis tently high interest rates in other European countries could produce wider demand for this facility and open the market to properties out-

RFCL's Mr. Sutton said brokers and lenders have not had much success in arranging cross-border multicurrency lending in the Comminity because regulations governing real estate purchases differ widely. However, moves to liberalize EC banking legislation mean that cross-border mortgage lending in foreign currencies is "just a matter of time," he said.

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SPORTS FOOTBALL

Cunningham and Walker Face Skins' Stiff Defense

EAGLES (4-1) at REDSKINS (3-2)

Key stat: Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham was sacked six times in a loss to Kansas City, and Eagles defense allowed passing scores of 74, 43, and 24 yards. Comment: Cunningham showed some of his old, bad habits against the Chiefs, running wild from the pass rush and hurrying his throws. The Redskins figure to keep him on the move, too, but he should be more comfortable against this familiar foe. The Washington defense time support the same and Hambal Welter against the should be more comfortable. Washington defense was superb versus Denver, and Herschel Walker can expect a rude welcome. Redskins by 21/2.

PACKERS (2-3) at BROWNS (2-3)

Key stat: Packers quarterback Brett Favre has five touchdown passes and two interceptions; Browns have lost only one fumble. Com Cleveland needs more offensive punch. The Browns appear comfortable with staying close and hoping for the best. Their defense has improved enough to make the formula work against some teams, and the Packers fall into that category. The Browns must keep an eye on receiver Sterling Sharpe and running back Vince Workman; each player has 31 receptions. The Browns are favored by 3 points.

CHIEFS (4-2) at COWBOYS (4-1)
Key stat: Chiefs defensive end Neil Smith leads the NFL in sacks with

8/2; Emmit Smith's long run this season is for only 22 yards. Comment: Kansas City enters with plenty of confidence after handling Philadelphia. Matching that effort on the road won't be easy, especially considering the Cowboys' all-around balance and nifty team speed. Watch Kelvin Martin, one of the Cowboys' most exciting players, who averages 15.2 yards per punt return. Cowboys by 41/2.

CHARGERS (1-4) at COLTS (3-2)
Key stat: Chargers defense has allowed 1,169 yards, only 19 more than

Philadelphia: Colts punter Rohn Stark averages 46.4 yards per pant, best in the league. Comment: Being above 500 is a major accomplishment for Indianapolis and coach Ted Marchibroda. San Diego has an impressive defense by some numbers, but the team has still allowed 21 or more

points in four of its five games. Indianapolis wants that trend to continue." Colts by 2.

BUCCANEERS (3-2) at BEARS (2-3)

BUCCANEERS (3-2) at BEARS (2-3)

Key stat: Buccaneers love traveling by air — they have 555 rushing yards, 1,195 passing yards; Bears have allowed 1,224 passing yards, 12th worst in the NFC. Comment: Critical game for the Bears, who endured a bye week after their demoralizing 21-20 loss at Minnesota. Bears quarterback Jim Harbaugh looks to rebound. Chicago's defense simply isn't as strong as it once was, but enough is left to right the ship. Bears by 5½.

FALCONS (2-4) at 49ERS (5-1)

Key stat: Falcons' receiver Andre Rison owns a league-high six touchdown catches; 49ers defense has allowed nearly as many passing yards (1,462) as the 49ers offense has compiled (1,500). Comment: Atlanta swept San Francisco last season and this season insists that it is

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better than its record indicates. Few are buying it; the Falcons are not making those game-deciding plays this year. 49ers by 10.

PATRIOTS (0-5) at DOLPHINS (5-0)

Key stat: Patriots' Joa Vanghn leads the AFC in kickoff returns with a

25.9-yard average: Dolphins are allowing opponents only \$2.6 rushing yards per game. Comment: Miami is on top in the AFC East; New England is on the bottom. The Patriots hung tough in losing to San Francisco and should duplicate that effort in this makeup of the season-opener between the teams, which was postponed due to the hurricane in Florida, Dolphius by 15.

Offers (4-1) at BRONCOS (4-2)

Key stat: Oilers quarterback Warren Moon leads the AFC in touch-

down passes with 12; Broncos have scored 79 points and have allowed 109. Comment: A rematch of the thrilling playoff game last year won by Denver, but this time the Oilers enter at the top of their game. Moon threw five touchdown passes versus Cincinnati last week. The Broncos soar at home, but this time Houston has the answers. Otlers by 3.

RAIDERS (2-4) at SEAHAWES (1-5)

Key stat: Raiders have allowed only 13 points in their last two games; Seahawks have not scored more than 17 points in a game. Comment: The Seattle offense is crippled by an assortment of injuries. The Raiders arrive with a two-game winning streak and with several players making big plays on defense. They have Dallas next, a bye, and then Philadelphia. Obviously, a victory here is essential. Raiders by 7½.

SAINTS (4-2) at CARDINALS (1-4)

Key stat: Samts have not allowed any team to score more than 16 points: Cardinals have allowed 23 or more points in every game. Com-ment: New Orleans has defense, Phoenix doesn't; neither team has much offense. So the Saints have the clear edge, and they are bigger and stronger than the Cardinais. The Saints should control the line of scrimmage on both sides and finally get a breakthrough in their running game. New Orleans by 71/2.

GIANTS (2-3) at RAMS (2-4) Key stat: Giants' running back Rochey Hampton has five rushing touchdowns and none receiving. Rams running back Cleveland Gary, with 101 carries, has 8 more than Hampton but two fewer rushing scores. Comment: The Rams showed spurts in their loss to New Orleans, but basically, this is a bad team that should improve by season's end. Just

when you think the Giants may go flat, they rebound. Giants by 1. BENGALS (2-3) at STEELERS (3-2)

Rey stat: Bengals have 20 sacks, their opponents 9: Steelers have 5 sacks, their opponents 13. Comment: Boomer Esiason is questionable for the Bengals due to a severe bruise on his left (passing) arm. That spells trouble for Cincinnati, a team already floundering in its passing game. Pittsburgh has cooled after a 3-0 start, but the boost from a prime time TV showing helps it get over the hump. Steelers hy 9.

These National Football League matchups were written by Thomas George of The New York Times. Odds were provided by Harrah's.

Amid Irish-U.S. Feud. 4 Dunhill Seeds Fall

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland -A war of words crapted between Christy O'Connor of Ireland and the American team at the Dunhill Cup on Friday.

The verbal battle stemmed from the controversial disquali-fication of O'Connor's South Korean opponent, Park Nam Sin, on Thursday.

They are trying to annoy us," O'Connor said. "It is a U.S. tactic. This doesn't surprise me, coming from the Americans."
The words flew after title-

holders Sweden and three other seeded teams were beaten on the second day of the event. The defeats of Sweden, South Africa, Spain and Ireland left three teams in each of the four round-robin groups with chances of winning their sec-tions and reaching Sunday's

semifinals. "Tm not saying that Christy pulled a fast one but I don't think the thing was totally ko-

sher," said Couples, the U.S. Masters champion.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ... ZURICH - Napoli has received. Sevilla's first installment of its \$7.5 million transfer fee for the Argentine soccer star Diego Maradona, a FIFA spokesman, Guido Tognoni,

"The money arrived in Napoli, according to our information,". Tognoni said. A senior Sevilla club official said bureaucratic problems' had held up the club's initial pay-ment of \$3 million to the Italian

The dispute hetween the Italian and Spanish clubs started when Napoli declared the transfer auli and void on Wednesday, claiming that it had not received the first payment. FIFA, football's governing body, which mediated the transfer, urged the Spanish Federa-tion on Thursday to investigate Napoli's charges.

(AFP, Reuters)

BLEAH!

BOOKS

FLYING IN TO LOVE By D. M. Thomas, 242 pages, \$20.

Charles Scribner's Sons, 866 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022. ply took the rap. Reviewed by Michiko Kakutani

WTTH his last novel, "Lying Togeth-er" (1990), D. M. Thomas seemed to have reached a dead end. So Thomas has now turned to the world of history. He has taken on one of the seminal events of American history: the assassination of John F. Kennedy. One almost wishes Thomas had kept writing the solipsistic fictions he'd specialized in carlier: they did nothing worse than bore the reader; at least they did not distort history or turn it into a lubricious sideshow.

The assassination is not the freshest subject, and "Flying In to Love" offers neither a credible new interpretation of the event nor a new fictional light on the emotions unleashed by it.

The assassination theory set forth by "Flying In to Love" is a hodge-podge one and unsubstantiated by any real evidence. As Thomas depicts it, Lee Harvey Oswald did not act alone, but was part of a large conspiracy and cover-up involving everyone from the small-time hustler David Ferrie to Vice President Lyndon

Oswald, Thomas suggests, believed he was meant to murder not the president but Governor John B. Connally Jr. of Texas, as a protest against the government's alleged plots against Fidel Castro.

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shots that struck the motorcade; another unknown conspirator did. Oswald simcdy 5 dcath, Inomas

on, Secret Service agents, doctors and the FBI conspired to cover up the details of the assassination. The coffin was opened and Kennedy's brain was removed and replaced by someone else's in order to conceal the path of the bullet.

Thomas doesn't dwell on these events; rather, he perfunctorily offers them up to the reader in passing. At one point, he implies that the scenarios set forth in "Flying In to Love" are actually the fanta-sies of a min named Sister Agnes, who once met the president and developed a sexual fixation on him. This perhaps explains why some of the events described take place in an imaginary future in which Kennedy survives his trip to Dallas and

Kennedy's assassination "occupies a

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OF STORY, NEXT

As things turn out in Thomas's telling, Oswald did not end up firing the deadly has not died, but lives on in Avalon. And there are some who would add Jesus." Most of Thomas' characters are less concerned with history or myth than

sees Kennedy's brain get blown away on television. Marina Oswald dreams of giving the president lessons in sex.

goes on to spend the evening of Nov. 22, 1963, at Johnson's ranch.

kind of dreamtime," Thomas writes. "Kennedy is dead, he is not dead. He is being taken back for burial at Arlington; he is flying on to Austin. A physicist said to me that those few seconds carried too great a burden of event, of shock, and it was as if that weight caused time to cave in, creating a vortex, a whirlwind, in which past, present and future, and reali-ty and illusion, became confused. In the same way the mythic Arthur, who also carried the burden of a people's hope,

with sex. Sister Agnes masturbates while Ferrie gets sexually turned on when he

> And Kennedy himself spends the bet-ter part of this novel thinking about women he can take to bed. There's Marilyn Monroe, of course, as well as an attractive right-wing Texan, a friend's wife who's just had a mastectomy, and

> yes, even Sister Agnes, the pretty nun.
>
> Presumably, Thomas has chosen to
> put this emphasis on his characters' sex
> hives to probe the relationship between Eros and Thanatos, a favorite subject of his, examined with considerable perspi-cuity in his 1981 novel "The White Hotel." Unfortunately, his decision to filter the story of Kennedy's assassination through the mind of the sex-starved nun, Sister Agnes, yields no interesting in-sights. Instead, Sister Agnes is depicted as a disturbed woman in need of psychi-atric counseling, while Kennedy is turned into a run-of-the-mill skirt chaser with a huge libido and little concern with

The writing in "Flying In to Love" is flat, colorless and trite.

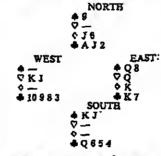
Michiko Kakutani is on the staff of The

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By Alan Truscott

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the nine and ten, and won with ace. South cashed the spade ace and led a diamond, taken by East, who returned a heart to the ace in dummy. A spade finesse succeeded, and West's heart discard revealed the bad split. A heart was ruffed, and a diamond was surrendered to East who had to lead in this position:



East led the heart queen, deliberately conceding a ruff and sluff, but it did not help the defense. South threw a club, raffed in dummy, and led another dia-mond. He allowed East to win and was in full control. Dummy's last diamond came into play. North-South were awarded almost all the match points.

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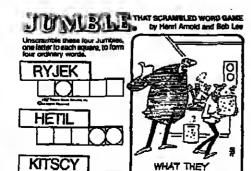
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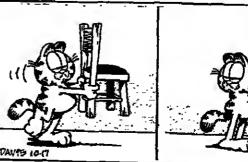
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Irish-U.S. F. In the World Series Showdown, Familiar Faces for Braves and Jays

In one way or another, the Toonto Blue Jays and Atlanta Braves ire plenty familiar with each other. Jack Morris, after all, beat the Braves in Game 7 of the World series last year, winning 1-0 in 10 mings. He then left Minnesota with his Most Valuable Player award and took it to Toronto. Atlanta's manager, Bobby Cox, and the Braves coach Jimy Wil-

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Blue Jays before Cito Gaston took over in May 1989. Two Toronto relievers, Duane Ward and Mark Eichhorn, pitched bjera, the unlikely hero of the National League playoffs, played briefly for the Blue Jays in 1989. 'David Cone, Roberto Alomar,

nams each bad stints managing the

for Atlanta, while Francisco Ca-Joe Carter and Candy Maldonado are among the several Blue Jays who played, and played well, in the

Both teams go into Game 1 on 0 for 5, however, with runners in scoring position.

Atlanta's starting pitchers, the strength of the Braves' bid in the World Series last October, are not in great shape. John Smoltz, the play-off MVP, priched Wednesday and will not be ready for Game 1. Steve Avery worked in relief Wednesday, while Tom Glavine, a 20-game winner, was chibbed Tuesday.

The Blue Jays, with Alomar and Devon White leading off, show a faster-than-usual AL lineup. Otis Nixon, suspended last October, starts it off quickly for the Braves. A look at the teams:

Toronto: John Olerud Sweet swing produced big hits in playoffe (.348). Nice glove. Atlanta: Sid Bream Hit 273 in the playoffs with three doubles and a home run. Was

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Toronto: Roberto Alomar. MVP of the playoffs (.423, two homers, five stolen hases, no errors). Homered off Dennis Eckersley to tie Game 4, the biggest hit of the series. One of best all-around infielders in majors.

Atlanta: Mark Lemke 21, including 2 for 5 with runners in scoring position. Shortstop

Toronto: Manuel Lee Showed solid bat (.278), but shaky glove in playoffs (three errors), not exactly what teams need from a shortstop in postseason. Atlanta: Jeff Blauser

ing two nome runs. Just 5 for 25 in the playoffs, including 1 for 7 with runners in scoring position. Made both of the Braves errors in the playoffs. Atlanta: Ron Gant

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Went into playoffs with .129 postseason average (8 for 62), but led Blue Jays with six RBIs, includ-

Left Field

Toronto: Candy Maldonado

Toronto: Kelly Gruber

Followed up disappointing, inju-

22). Fine in the field, particularly

making back-handed stops and

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Toronto: Devon White His .303 on-base average was

ry-plagned regular season (.229, 43 worst among AL leadoff hitters this RBIs) with a poor playoff (2 for year, Batted .348 with .448 on-base percentage in playoffs. Atlanta: Otis Nixon

Perhaps the happiest Brave because be missed the postseason last Miserable series against the Pi- year due to his 60-day suspension rates, but his leadoff double in the for cocaine use. Was 8 for 28 (286) A stellar postseason, going 7 for minth started the Game 7 come-against the Pirates in the playoffs, back Batted 223 (7 for 30), going 2 including 3 for 5 with runners in for 22 left-handed (.091) and 5 for 8 scoring position.

> Toronio: Joe Carter With Alomar, another Toronto MVP candidate (34 homers, 119 RBIs). Held to four singles in 21 atbats in playoffs before hitting tworun homer to start Game 6 rout.

Atlanta: David Justice RBIs, four on Game 2 grand slam. Was 7 for 25 in the playoffs with a borne runs with 108 RBIs.

team-high 14 total bases, homering twice in Game 6. Catcher

Toronio: Pat Borders Threw out 29 percent of basestealers during season, but only 2 of 18 against Oakland. Not entirely his fault: Toronto starting pitchers are poor at holding on runners. Hit .318 in playoffs; played every inning.

Atlanta: Damon Berryhill Was just 4 for 24 (.167) in the playoffs. Took over as starter on Sept. 19, a day after season-ending injury to Greg Olson. Threw out two of three base-stealers in the playoffs but only 14 of 82 (17 percent) during the season.

Designated Hitter Toronto: Dave Winfield

Wants to atone for 1-for-22 slump in 1981 Series, his only pre-Atlanta: David Justice vious appearance. Blue Jays' leader Like Gant, drove in six runs. on and off field all year. Hit 26

Atlanta: Lonnie Smith Hit three home runs as Atlanta's DH last year, going 6 for 26 (.231).

Made huge base-running mistake in Game 7, failing to score on Penoleton's eighth-inning double in 1-Starting Pitchers Toronto: Jack Morris, David

Cone, Juan Guzman, Jimmy Key Morris was MVP of last year's Series. Signed as a free agent for \$11 million to help Toronto win the title. Went 21-6 during regular sea-son, but was 0-1 with 6.57 ERA in two playoff starts. lo 7-2 lifetime in postseason. Cone spent six years with Mets, going 8-3 lifetime against Braves, Guzman won twice in playoffs. Like Cone and Morris, throws hard and nasty. Key, left out of playoff rotation, slops up

left-handed stuff and could provide effective change-of-pace.
Atlanta: Tom Glavine, Steve Avery, John Smoltz Glavine was awful in the play-

offs, losing Games 3 and 6 and allowing 10 earned runs in 7's in-nings, a 12.27 ERA. Glavine is 1-5 in the postseason. Avery pitched so-so in the playoffs, winning Game 2 and losing Game 5. He gave up eight earned runs in eight innings. Avery didn't get a decision in last year's Series, allowing five earned runs in 13 innings (3.46). Smoltz came up big in playoffs, winning Games 1 and 4 and pitching six strong innings in the finale to earn MVP honors.

Relief Pitchers Toronto: Tom Henke, Duane Ward, Mark Eiehhorn, Mike Timlin, Todd Stottlemyre

Henke (34 saves) blows away batters, averaging more than a strikeout per inning. Ward is hard-throwing setup man, although A's tagged him for 6.75 ERA in three games. Eich-horn, a submariner, and Ward each pitched briefly for Braves, Timlin was ineffective in two playoff games. Stottlemyre, bumped to the pullpen, pitched once,

Atlanta: Marvio Freeman, Charlie Leibrandt, Kent Mercker, Jeff Reardon, Pete Smith, Mike Stanton. Mark Wohlers

The Braves' hullpen blew a total of 16 saves in 55 chances. Freeman was lit up in the playoffs, allowing 10 earned runs in 7% innings, Reardon, baseball's all-time saves leader, got a save and a victory in the playoffs. Mercker and Stanton are brought in for left-handed hitters with runners on base.

Toronto: Cito Gaston The more criticism he gets, the more he wins. Led Toronto to three

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WORLD SERIES SCHEDULE All times are EDT Saturday, Oct 17 Toronto al Atlanta, 8:29 p.m.

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ager in World Series and is proud of it: still, is more intent on become ing first black manager to win World Series, Atlanta: Bobby Cox

In the postseason for the third time. He was manager of the Blue Jays in 1985, when they blew a 3-1 lead in the playoffs against the Kansas City Royals, then led Atlanta's worst-to-first turnaround in 1991, only to fall a run short against Minnesota in the Series.

Braves Get Ready To Meet an Old Foe Morris Is Back, in a New Uniform Washington Pau Service baseball's best or really mattered. Braves and their tomahawk-chopThe Braves, the

ping frenzied followers no longer can be accused of taking their 1992

begin their back-to-the-future
World Series by greeting an old
nemesis in a new uniform — Jack
Morris — and the rest of the Toronto Blue Jays in Game I here The last time that the Braves

faced Morris, the veteran right-hander was pitching a masterpiece a 10-inning shutout in Game 7 of last year's World Series to give the Minnesota Twins a dramatic 1-0 victory. The Braves will see Morris again on Saturday, as he's scheduled to start for Toronto against Atlanta's Tom Glavine in the opener of the 89th series. But first, there's been some savor-

ing — and partying — to be done by the Braves and their fans. It has been a mostly mellow year at Atlan-West title in a row was greeted with excitement even after the Braves raced to a three-games-to-one lead the Pittshurgh Pirates in th

NL Championship Series. As Braves pitcher John Smoltz had said before the playoffs, it was going to be difficult for anyone associated with the team to manual the feeling that they had in their king 30 cmotionally exhausting 1991 sea-cmotionally exhausting 1991 sea-close right son. But that ho-hum approach certainty and the control of the associated with the team to match son. But that he hum approach cer-tainly changed Wednesday night with the Braves' three-run ninthinning rally that produced a 3-2 printipph over the Pirates in a Game

> "I didn't think anything could ever match what we did last year from a pure emotional standpoint," Smoltz, who was named the most valuable player of the playoffo, said in the Braves' jubilant clubbouse Wednesday. But I hink we might have just done it."
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> Manager Bobby Cox called it his

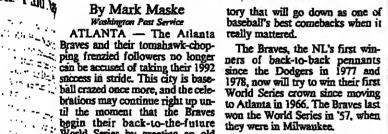
best moment in baseball, while his Pirates counterpart, Jim Leyland, said that it was the toughest defeat he'd faced. It was baseball theater at its finest. There was Pittsburgh starter Doug Drabek taking a fivehit shutout and a 2-0 lead into the bottom of the ninth inning. There was Terry Pendleton's leadoff douhile for the Braves. There was second baseman Jose Lind's error on David Justice's ground ball.

There were the Pirates avoiding , one catastrophe when Ron Gant's

long fly ball against reliever Stan

Belinda, seemingly destined to be-come a game-winning grand slam, turned into a loud sacrifice fly. There was Belinda on the verge of wiggling free by getting proch hit-ter Brian Hunter to pop up to Lind for the second out of the inning. But then, finally and most dumbfoundingly, there was thirdstring catcher Francisco Cabrera
he of the three hits and three RBI in the major leagues during the through the hole between shortstop and third base for a pinch-hit sin-gle, and Sid Bream sliding home just ahead of catcher Mike LaVal-

liere's tag to give the Braves a vic-



Both the Braves and Blue Jays were scheduled to work out in Atlanta on Friday, and there were decisions to be made by each side in the near future. Toronto's starting pitchers for Games 1 through 3 are set: Morris, David Cone and

Morris was 0-1 with a 6.57 earned run average in two starts against the Oakland Athletics in the American League Champion ship Series, but there was little doubt about who would get the nod for the Blue Jays come Saturday. Morris is 4-0 with a 1.54 ERA in five World Series starts, and he beat the Braves in Games 1 and 7 a year ago. He was signed as a free ta-Fulton County Stadium. The agent last winter to pitch games Braves' second National League precisely like this one.





The bats of Joe Carter, left, and Otis Nixon could be key factors for their teams. A drug suspension kept Nixon out of the '91 Series.

sollective yawn, at least in company. Statistics From the National League and American League Playoffs last year's worst-to-first joyride. Statistics From the National League and American League Playoffs There wasn't much in the way of

BATTING SUMMARY Cal Ripken Sr. Quits Orioles

After Demotion The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Cal Rip-

ken Sr. ended his 36-year asso-ciation with the Baltimore Orioles on Friday, refusing a high-level job in the minor leagues after being fired as third-base coach. Ripken, 56, father of All-

Star shortstop Cal Ripken Jr. and second baseman Billy Ripken, is a former Orioles manager who started his career with the Orioles as a minor-leagne catcher. On Friday, he refused the position as coordinator of minor-league field operations. Manager Johnny Oates de-

clined to elaborate on the decision but said there was some frustration with Ripken's performance as third-base coach. Of particular contention was a call Ripken made ou Sept. 22, holding Tim Hulett

at third on a potential sacrifice fly in the ninth inning of a 4-3 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays. Ripken has worked with the Orioles since 1957 as a player, scout, coach and manager. He

was fired as manager in 1988.

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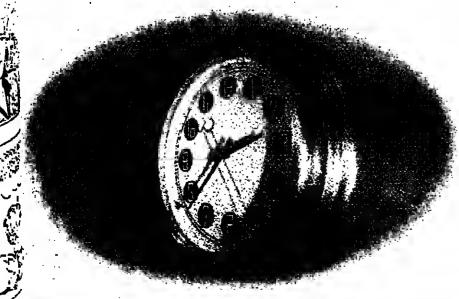
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Diets, Toads and Salads

M iAMI — We can learn a lot about proper eating habits by watching the behavior of wildlife creatures. Take toads. You don't see toads fluctuating wildly in weight and obsessing about food and constantly going on ineffectual diets and then sneaking into the kitchen at 2 A. M. and consuming an entire Sara Lee banana cake (serves 12).

No. when a toad gets hungry, it simply flicks out its tongue and snares . . . NOT a cheeseburger. NOT a bowl of Lucky Charms breakfast cereal, but a natural, high-protein, zero preservatives, low-fat moth. The toad gulps the moth down whole, and bang, just like that, it's finished with the whole eating thing. Freed from the tyranny of food obsession, the toad can now get on with other activi-ties, such as poodering the fact that there is a whole live moth in its

So we can see how important it is to have a sensible, long-term eating regimen and realistic dietary goals. myself was on a sensible, longterm eating regimen until nearly 10:30 this morning, when I finally achieved my dietary goal of locat-ing where my wife put the box of Cheez-lts. These are my favorite snack crackers because they contain "riboflavin" and have a radioactive orange color that makes them easy to locate in the dark. Plus they're good for your heart: Like every other product now sold in the United States, including Drano, they come in a package marked "LOW CHOLESTER-OL." Heart care is a top priority with me, so I ate the whole box

(serves 20). The problem with doing this is that Cheez-Its also contain calories, which our bodies turn into fat. Of course it could be worse. Imagice if our bodies turned them into. say, linoleum, or surplus body

BOB; Hi, Frank! FRANK: Hi, Boh! Say, I ootice vou have eight noses. BOB: I know. I gotta go on a

When Boh (oot his real name) does go on a diet, chances are he will eat at salad bars. I eat at salad bars constantly, because that way I can put a little lettuce on my plate and cover it with enough cheese, hacon, pasta, potato salad. Roquefort dressing, etc., to rectify the nutritional shortfall in Somalia

The problem is that I keep get-ting stuck in line behind Salad Scientists. These are people who make a salad as if it were some kind of ouclear-fission experiment, subjecting each leaf and sprout to intense scrutiny. The worst is when you're behind TWO of them, be-cause then they have to DISCUSS

FIRST SALAD SCIENTIST picking up a string bean): Look String beans.
SECOND SALAD SCIEN-

TIST: I don't care for string beans FIRST SALAD SCIENTIST: I

like string beans in a salad, but I don't like the looks of this string SECOND SALAD SCIEN-

TIST: No, that looks a little pale to me. But then, I doo't care for string beans in a salad. FIRST SALAD SCIENTIST

(picking up another string bean): Now THIS string bean looks a little better to me. SECOND SALAD SCIEN-TIST: Well, if you ask me, h's a little on the brownish side. But then

I don't caAAIIEEEEE (sound of me stabbing the second scientist with a pair of coleslaw tongs). FIRST SALAD SCIENTIST: I

doo't care for coleslaw in a salad.

Another problem is that many diets simply doo't work. Statistics show that people who go on gim-micky or "crash" diets will gain all the weight back within a year; whereas people who follow realistic, long-term diet regimens will never lose any weight at all. That's because they're all eating so-called "frozen yogur," which I strongly suspect is a fraud,

Ask yourself: Does "frozen yo-gurt" taste anything like regular yogurt? No, it does oot. Regular yogurt tastes healthy, by which I mean bad, it tastes like something you might use in the field of tent repair. Whereas "frozen yogurt" tastes good. I'm positive that if you dug beneath a "frozen yogurt" store, you'd find large hidden underground pipes leading directly to a Dairy Queen. Think about it! I'd think about it myself, but this riboflavin is starting to kick in.

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Irish Rock: A Long Way From Tipperary

By Mike Zwerin

ional Herald Tribune DARIS - Here come the Irish! Robert I Stephenson, who has kissed the Blarney Stone twice, talks tirelessly to anyone, anywhere, anytime about Irish music often holding a pint of a famous Irish black liquid refreshment - and is "very good at oot taking oo for an answer.

After doing "something similar very successfully" four times in London, he has been working on promoting his first frish Rock Festival on Continental Europe since moving to Paris a year and a half ago. He intends taking the concept around European Community capitals next year and hopes eventually to bring young French bands to Ireland. He has talked to the French Ministry of Culture about it and it says it's interested.

The Blarney Stoce appears to work — he certainly has the gift: "The Irish are well liked in France and vice versa. It's oo accident Oscar Wilde is buried in Pere Lachaise and that Samuel Beckett lived in Paris and wrote in French. This trend goes back for centuries. What about General MacMahon? "The Year of the French"? James Joyce? There's tradition here. The Irish have long and solid ties to France. The Hennessey family is another example. A lot of Celtic lords and ladies settled in

Bordeaux and Paris." According to Stephenson and a oumber of trade journals, ever since the interna-tional success of The Pogues, Sinead O'Connor, U2 and the film "The Commitments," Irish rock has been exploding.

More than any other one thing, U2's enormous international success has made rock music a respectable, serious export business in Ireland. The Irish trade board, tourist office and music rights organiza-tion have been "very helpful" to Stephen-son. The members of U2 live in Dublin and has formed a label called Mother Records, which signed Irish hands and released product. They fund rehearsal studios and their manager is open to giving advice to inexperienced managers.

A large and varied infrastructure includes more than 50 recording studios, 60 record companies, 80 promoter/agents and venues of all sizes all over the country including Limerick, Tipperary, Galway and Cork — and also in Ulster, so that bands can grow organically. Reading the local trade press, you learn that some 40 bands work on each weekend night in Dublin (population about a million) alone. And where else do demo tapes by unknown young groups get reviewed in the press?

"Music is very much a part of our cul-ture," Stephenson's enthusiasm is cootagious: "Ireland is a pleasant country to live in, a small place, it's easy. If you're a 'star,' you can live in Ireland and oobody



Music promotor Robert Stephenson: "Right now Irish is hip."

live in Ireland Irish musicians have returned to live there - Elvis Costello, for example. Van Morrisoo and Def Leppard live in Ireland. There's no tax on publishing income if you're a recognized resident artist. It's a great life there if you can afford a few pints."

He panses to order two more. We are in Molly Malone, a breathtakingly friendly pub ocar the Opera: "It's a land of great beauty, of great contrast, of darkness as well as light. It's a poor country, and the weather can be wet and gloomy. It's like yin and yang. There's oo brightness without a dark side. People are more stimulated where things are not too soft or too easy.

Not that I'm a nationalist. I'm not talking about national anthems. Music should unite people in a celebratory way. There's a demand for Irish music now and I want to

be instrumental in sharing it with our Euro-pean partners all the way to the Urals." The Irish Rock Festival will feature 12 post-U2 bands, all relatively unknown outside the British Isles - although 10 have signed record contracts - including A House, The Golden Horde, That Petrol Emotion, Speranza and Fatima Mansion. Styles range from traditional orientations to straight-ahead rock 'o' roll. The Parisian suburh of Epinay-sur-Scine, which spon-sors a yearly "Eurorock" Festival (dedicat-ed to Spain last year), is co-producing and underwriting Stephenson to the tune of 185,000 French francs (about \$37,000) for the first two concerts. He has an office in the town hall and a subsidized part-time assistant who works in the Metro at night. The other two will be in the Bataclan, in Paris - he says the promoters "deserve

credit for investing in the future." The total hudget is more than 600,000 francs and, frankly, except for Bose, which is donating the sound system, at the time of this writing the sponsoring situation is still what might be called dodgy. Never mind. He'll worry about that lat-

er. Back io Molly Malone, it's smiles all around. Encore deux verres: "Ireland has one of the youngest populations in Europe. More than 50 percent are under 25 years old, a rather frightening statistic acrually. You walk around and you see so many young people you wonder what's going on. There's great unemployment. So kids turn to music. The Irish are one of the most musical

people in Europe. The tradition goes back to the Celts. You travel the length and hreadth of the country and go into pubs and you find musicians of all colors and nationalities who have come to experience this. You'll hear a virtuoso German violio player, a French flutist, African-Americans with guitars, if you can play music well, you'll never go hungry or thirsty in

Panse for a business discussion with the manager of French operations for Aer Lingus. More pints all around: "Irish musicians are happy and open to do business with European oeighbors. They don't mind signing with a Spanish record company. So it's an opportunity for the European music rary British bands with good futures. Lan-guage makes it difficult for French or German labels to break into the Anglophone market. Signing good Irish bands helps open doors. Right oow Irish is 'hip.'

Next to Africa, he says, freland has had the strongest influence on American music through styles like country, folk and bluegrass. He has a project to produce a festi-val of Irish traditional music next year, "in France and further," under the banner "Bringing It All Back Home."

"There's momentum." He's picking up still more steam of his own. "It's helping create a market for the magic of Irish music Record company executives fly into Duhlin to sign bands now. Now's the time. Before the end of the century, you're going to see a cultural hidge between Ireland and Europe. The '90s are going to be extremely interesting. Anyway, if there isn't already an Irish trend, we'll create one."

Irish Rock Festival: L'Espace Lumière, Epinay-sur-Seine, Oct. 23, 24; Basaclan, Paris Oct. 28, 39.

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Fergie and Friend Sue Over Riviera Photos

The Duchess of York and John Bryan have filed suit in France for 22 million francs (about \$44 million) in damages......half-and. 22 million francs (about \$4.4 million) in damages—half each—over intimate photos of them that were published in Paris Match magazine Named in the suit are the photographer Daniel Angeli. Paris Match and the NMPP agency, which distributes the magazine. The photos, published throughout the world showed the tooless Ferzie, who showed the topless Fergie, who is separated from the Duke of York, and Bryan, an American business man, in displays of affection at a Riviera poolside.

More on lip-syncing. The BBC wants some money back from Laciano Pavarotti, saying the opera star lip-synced a radio concert the BBC broadcast. The BBC said it bir and paid for the rights to the concert, broadcast live from Modena Italy, on Sept. 27, assuming Pavarone would be performing live but learned of the lip-syncing the day before the concert aired. Listeners were oot told that the music was recorded. Elsewhere. Robert Pllette and Fabrice Morvan, aka Milli Vanilli, have come up with an innovative idea: singing live. The two, who gained notoriety for not singing any-thing on their hit debut album and for lip-syncing their songs, have out a new album. "Roh and Fah," and plan to sing a cut on "The Arsenio Hall Show" this month.

After being vilified for weeks in a child-custody suit. Woody Allen became a hero - ot least for one night - hy savine a dinner companion from choking. Allen and Jeanne Doumanian, a former "Saturday Night Live" producer, were dining at a New York restaurant when Doumanian choked on a piece of bread, and Allen performed the Heimlich maneuver on her, "Woody did the right thing, in a split second It was unbelievable," said Gioliano Zuliani, the restaurant owner. "Then they looked at each other and finished dinner.

In Barcelona, the Spanish writer Fernando Sánchez Drago received the 1992 Planeta Award, worth 50 million pesetas (\$480,000), for his novel "La Prueba del Laberinto." The runner-up, Eduardo Chamorro, also Spanish, was awarded 12 million pesetas for "La Cruz de Santia-

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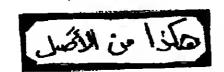
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